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# Who Is Three Finger Brown?

## 'Costello Successor' Is Pal of Politicians

By Ed Reid and Neal Patterson

Today's most-investigated New Yorker is a stocky, mysterious little man whose face few of you would recognize. Outwardly he's a prosperous business man. Yet today Gov. Rockefeller's State Crime Commission is preparing to turn a spotlight on him to establish whether he is the new crime overlord of rackets-ridden Manhattan.

His name, like his face, is quietly making its way into the minds of many New Yorkers, but his identity is being kept on his



Thomas Luchessa, 42, an immigrant, reputed millionaire and an often-quoted figure in underworld circles.

This spotlighted character is Thomas (Three Finger Brown) Luchessa, 42, an immigrant, reputed millionaire and an often-quoted figure in underworld circles.

Who is Three Finger Brown? The first came before the grand jury two years ago when he was charged with racketeering and other crimes in a long and complex case.

What his Democratic rival, Vincent R. Impellitteri, was being backed by Three Finger Brown, whom he also identified as Thomas Luchessa.

Impy retorted that he didn't know a Three Finger Brown, but that he did know Thomas Luchessa, whom he believed to be a reputable business man.

### Costello's Successor, Halley Charges

Rudolph Halley, former counsel to the Senate Crime Investigation Committee, gives him another grim characterization. Halley, who succeeded Impellitteri as Council President—and from all signs would love to displace him as Mayor—charges Luchessa has taken over as racket king of Manhattan in place of imprisoned Frank Costello.

Intriguing assertions? Yes, but far from the whole story.

Just who is Three Finger Brown?

Seeking further light, The News has conducted an inquiry of its own which reveals the untold tale of the friend and associate of judges, magistrates, high city and federal officials and legislators.

The intimacy is there, in black and white, in the records of important dinners that show Three Finger, the outlawed convicted assassin and murder quince, seated at the tables of politicians and top officials of the law he allegedly haunts. Not once, but repeatedly The News found this.

Luchessa, moreover, has visited at the homes of a number of these

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nich and has received visits from them on equal terms. Cars with official plates have been seen parked evenings and weekends in front of his home. Judges, two Congressmen and several former State Supreme Court justices have been among his guests. Treasury agents are investigating reports that an impressive array of potent personalities may be his off-record partners in real estate.

Relying on these associations, Luchese even tried last year to approach a federal judge outside this city on a case in which he was interested. He was vigorously rebuffed.

#### **Phone Calls Add To Sinister Story**

Then, there are more sinister records uncovered by THE NEWS. These show repeated phone calls from Luchese's home to the homes of top mob figures such as Costello and slain Willie Moretti, who was executed last year by his own syndicate.

Also, Luchese's name and address—and often his unlisted phone number—have been found on the persons of dope peddlers or hoodlums linked with the narcotics traffic all the way from Charles (Lucky) Luciano in Italy to unsavory characters on the West Coast.

It was three years ago that Italian police gave the deported Lucky a good going-over at the request of American authorities, after a Luciano associate named Charles Trupia, who gave a Manhattan address, was seized at a Rome airport in possession of enough cocaine to retail at \$200,000 in this country.

### **Lucky's Pockets Yield A Long List of Names**

The Italian cops found no dope on Lucky—but his pockets yielded a list of names on which that of Tommy Brown, Luchese's pet pseudonym, was sandwiched among a group of high interest to police and to narcotics sleuths. The address listed for "Brown," incidentally, was Bentivenga's restaurant at 55 E. Houston St., a favorite Luchese resort, which reappears further in the Luchese story.

Other names lumped with Luchese's on Lucky's list included Willie Moretti; Joseph Biondo, once called Lucky's chief aid; Trigger Mike Coppola of East Harlem; Joseph Profaci, a name to conjure with in Brooklyn; Pasquale Massi and Gyp De Carlo, New Jersey mobsters; Anthony (The Chief) Bonasera and Charles (The Don) Dongerra of Brooklyn, and Philip Mangano, brother of the notorious Vincent Mangano, bumped off last year in Brooklyn.

Trupia, who was described as an American Army deserter and the transatlantic courier for a ring which had smuggled \$25,000,000 worth of cocaine into the United States since the war, was given 18 months and fined.

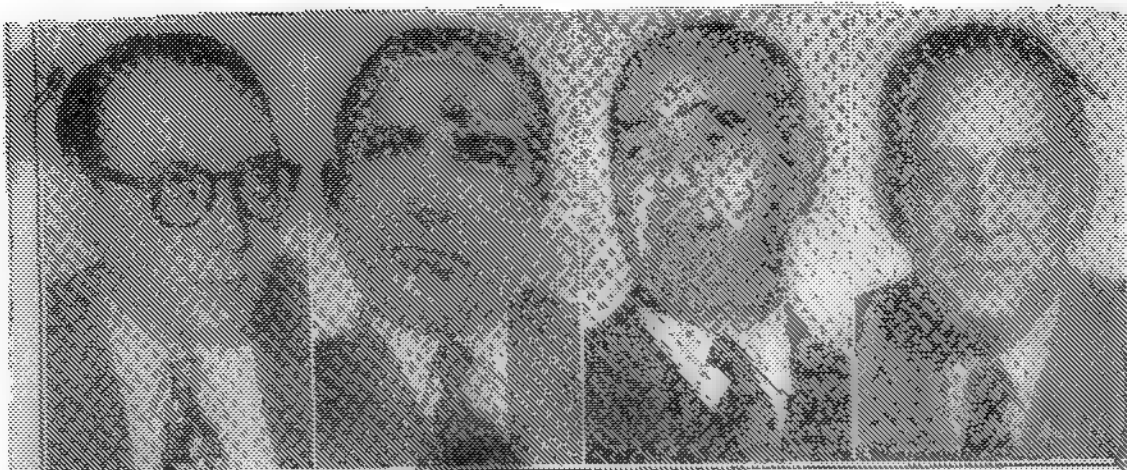
### **Costello Also Faces Deportation Action**

Luciano, it will be recalled, was deported from New York in 1946 after serving 10 years as the head of a vice gang. He has lived since like a king in exile and American narcotics authorities have pictured him as top man in the biggest dope ring filtering narcotics across the Atlantic. Some sources also hold that, although absent, he ranks No. 1 among leaders of this country's biggest crime syndicate.

Just before Luciano unwillingly left these shores, Costello visited him on the boat. Now, Costello himself faces deportation action on completing his term for contempt of a Senate committee. And the deportation threat also hangs over Luchese.

Before concluding the Luciano-Luchese connection, it must be noted that both men, together with Lucky's lieutenant, Biondo, were snatched from the ringside by Cleveland police on July 4, 1931.





Left to right: Rudolph Heller, Frank Costello, Edward Corsi and Mayor Impellitteri.

while they were watching the Striding Schmeing wear his heavy weight belt together. They were taken in "on suspicion," questioned and released.

In addition to their confessions, if they can be called such, are statements made to narcotics agents by drug pushers who admitted knowing Tommy Brown—but claimed not when asked if they did business with him.

On the other hand, there's another Lockers, far removed from the E. 16th St. mob, which he allegedly once headed. This Lockers

was a group of the names

#### Table No. 82

Mr. James Brown  
Edward Compasello  
Hon. Louis J. Capozzoli  
Hon. Marie G. DeFina  
Hon. Vincent S. Impellitteri  
Hon. Kaufman  
Thomas Larkin  
Hon. Charles Bonaguidi  
Samuel H. Reis  
Hon. Alfred E. Santangelo

#### Table No. 84

Allen J. Bates

This was the seating list at Table No. 82 of Alfred E. Smith Memorial Foundation, Inc., dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel on Oct. 16, 1946. Note that Lockers' name is misspelled "Larkens."

is a quiet family man who resides in a Long Island ranch-type mansion, has a daughter in Venice and a son, a West Point graduate, in the 41st Forest.

This is Lockers, the Tommy Brown, the business man. Cooperative interests and mutual respect, but in the present business, being other legitimate business, and is expected by other business men of equal standing. It is a business in the 1940s and 1950s.

### **First Saw Light of Day in Home of the Mafia**

Like Frank Costello—before District Attorney Frank S. Hogan gained a spotlight on him and the Senate crime probe tripped him last year — Luchese strives constantly to present a front of respectability.

At the same time, he's kind to old pals and has lifted many ex-convicts from sordid mob surroundings—usually they're narcotic rap grads—by putting them on his payroll as employees or by making them officers of one of his companies, or of firms in which he has influence.

These, however, are only highlights of the Luchese story. Before getting into details, let's turn back for glimpses of his earlier career.

He was born Dec. 1, 1899, at Palermo in Sicily, home of the dreaded Mafia. Immigrants brought offshoots of that organization to this country. Aroused federal authorities and police outlawed it and clipped off the shoots. But they sprang out anew and live on today more menacingly than ever in the new crime syndicate.

Luchese's parents had their son christened Gaetano. He adapted

it to Thomas and acquired the additional name of Tommy Brown some time after arriving in the United States on Nov. 20, 1911. His last name has been given the varying spellings of Lucchese, Lacase and Luckese. It's pronounced as if spelled "Lukayzy."

Police, through the years, listed him under the additional names of Thomas Arra, Three Finger Brown, Four Finger Brown and Fats Brown.

His right index finger was blown off in a 1919 accident in an E. 106th St. plant where he was employed.

Legend has it that the name of Three Finger was pinned to him by a detective who took his fingerprints and exclaimed: "Look who's in now—Three Finger Brown!"

The waggish sleuth was playing on the name of Mordecai Brown, famous three-fingered hurler for the old Chicago Cubs. Mordecai died in 1948, aged 71.

#### Got the Full Treatment.

#### 3 to 10 Years in Prison

Luchese's first recorded trouble with the law, and the only case in which he actually did time, came on Oct. 2, 1921, when he was arrested with one John Spina for an automobile theft. Some accounts place the locale as New York City, but THE NEWS has established that the arrest took place in front of a Bay Shore, L. I., theatre.

The pair were in a twin-six Packard touring car valued at \$3,000, and contemporary reports stated Luchese and Spina had stolen it only a few minutes before they were grabbed. Some of Luchese's friends have tried to dismiss this as the mistake of a "minor," though he was nearly 23 at the time. Luchese himself has stated that he was an innocent victim, having purchased a car which proved to have been stolen.

Anyway, Suffolk County authorities took a most unsympathetic view. The prisoners were held without bail for grand larceny and re-arraigned Oct. 21 before the late Suffolk County Judge Furman. He set bail at \$5,000. Both pleaded not guilty, but were indicted and convicted Jan. 19, 1922, at Riverhead.

Each was sentenced to three to

10 years in Sing Sing, seemingly a severe penalty for first offender Luchese. What unusual circumstances may have been involved, if any, cannot now be ascertained. The arresting officer is dead. Part of the records were lost in a courthouse fire in 1927.

Luchese served three years and soon after emerging must have formed powerful connections. Federal agents have quoted underworld sources as identifying Luchese by the late '20s as head of the notorious E. 107th St. mob, which draws most of its revenue from narcotics. But the agents couldn't prove it.

#### Report Hines Gave

#### Luchese Mob Control

Investigators also have pictured Luchese's field as being expanded around 1930. Then, they allege, Jimmy Hines, the powerful Tammany leader who later served nearly four years for selling political protection to the late

Table No. 32.

Hon. James Bruno  
Hon. Louis J. Cegiozzoli  
Hon. Armand Chankalian  
Rev. John Fleming  
Hon. Myles J. Lane  
Hon. Amedeo Lauritano  
Thomas T. Luckese  
Hon. John Meili  
Hon. Rocco A. Parella  
Hon. Arthur H. Schwartz  
Hon. Daniel G. Sullivan  
Hon. Francis L. Valente

Table No. 33

Table No. 32 at the Smith Memorial Dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria on Oct. 21, 1948, had this list of guests. Luchese's name is still misspelled.

Dutch Schultz and his Harlem policy mob, gave Luchese control of a midtown mob operating in the lush garment area.

In this connection, the prosecutor of Murder, Inc., Burton Turkus, in his book, quoted the late gangster Abe Reles on a crime syndicate meeting called by Louis (Lepke) Buchalter. Reles, according to Turkus, said Lepke laid down the law against further encroachment into the garment district by Luchese. Lepke then was on the lam;

Subsequently he went to the electric chair.

A wealth of allegation stands against Luchese, but it must be pointed out that he has never been indicted on a rackets complaint.

On the legitimate side, he has moved through numerous fields, earlier as an underling, sometimes in industries harassed by union difficulties and later as partner and capitalist. There isn't room in the present article to sketch his business career.

He was first taken in custody in a murder case in July, 1928, when three bullets chopped down one Louis Cerasulo. After six days he was released.

#### **A Wine-Brickier, He Lams After a Murder**

He was in the wine brick business at 1457 Broadway on Sept. 5, 1930, when Joseph Pinzolo, with whom he shared the office, was shot dead. A wine brick, by the way, was a prohibition dodge—a compressed hunk of dried raisins which fermented when dunked in a jug of water and produced a potent, if raw, tipple.

Luchese vanished after the murder and was sought for three days before he turned up at the DA's with his lawyer. The lawyer was Francis X. Mancuso, former General Sessions judge, then a Tammany leader. Mancuso appears further in the story, and at last report was an associate of Luchese in one of the latter's real estate projects.

A homicide charge was lodged against Luchese in this instance, but a grand jury dismissed it five months later.

Three Finger's next difficulty of that kind arose when Salvatore Maranzano, described as a former high figure in the Mafia offshoot, was murdered Sept. 10, 1931, in an office at 230 Park Ave. Maranzano, at the time, was under federal investigation as the alleged director of a large scale alien smuggling ring.

### **A Simple Alibi: He Didn't See a Thing**

Luchese's story to police was simple, if vociferous. He just happened to be in an outer office with a lot of other people when the killing occurred. He didn't see a thing. The case is still unsolved.

Other murder mysteries regarding which homicide sleuths questioned Luchese without result were the assassination of anti-Fascist, anti-Communist editor Carlo Tresca in a wartime dimout on Jan. 11, 1943, and the Election Day, 1946, slaying of Joseph Scottoriggio, Republican polls watcher. Two leading luminaries of the E. 107th St. mob, Joey Rao and Trigger Mike Coppola, were held in heavy bail as material witnesses in the Scottoriggio case. But both it and the Tresca murders have gone unsolved.

### **Listed as Contributing To O'Dwyer's Campaign**

With embarrassments such as the above occurring—if embarrassment isn't too mild a word—you could hardly blame the swiftly prospering Luchese for seeking to improve his status by forming friendships with the politically and officially mighty.

Board of Elections records show Luchese listed as contributing \$2,000 to William O'Dwyer's 1949 campaign fund. The contribution was made Jan. 13, 1950, over two months after O'D's election.

Ed Corsi, two years ago, stressed Three Finger's influence in city politics. But actually—though this has never been disclosed before in print—the little ex-convict also managed to cut a big swath in federal official circles.

Some critics have been unkind enough to stress that federal influence—for a mob waxing rich on the narcotics traffic—is the most important kind of all.

# Who Is Three Finger Brown?

## Rocky 'Boss' Has Tie-in to Halls of Justice

(Second article of a series)

THREE FINGER BROWN, a former associate of Mayor LaGuardia and a prominent figure in the underworld, is a man who has been in the news for a long time. He is a man of many faces, and his name is known to many people. He is a man who has been in the news for a long time. He is a man of many faces, and his name is known to many people. He is a man who has been in the news for a long time. He is a man of many faces, and his name is known to many people.

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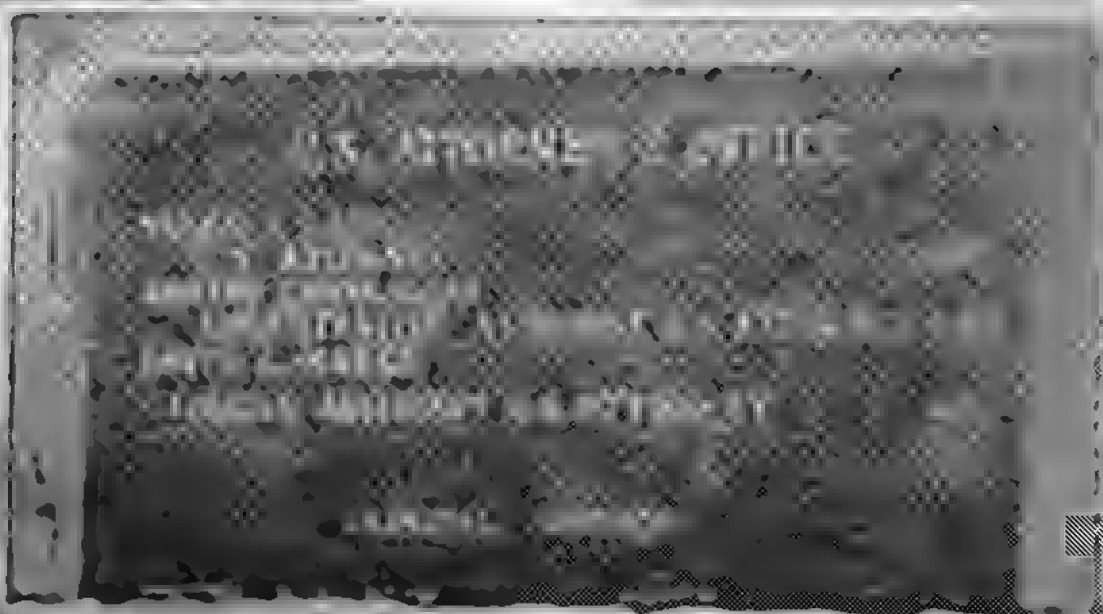




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Photostat of room bill from Hotel Astor made out to "Thomas Luckese of Washington, D. C.," for March 18-20, 1948. Note at bottom left under Remarks: "Charge to Chankalian." Luckese's name is misspelled.



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Who Is 3 Finger Brown?

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By Ed Reid and Neal Patterson

(Last article of a series)

The New York State Parole Board on April 19, 1950, granted a much-prized document to roly-poly Thomas (Three Finger Brown) Luchese, ex-convict, garment manufacturer, friend of judges and high city officials—and also the pal of Frank Costello, Lucky Luciano and a swarm of other mobsters.

The document was a certificate of good conduct necessary under state law if the ubiquitous Luchese, as a convicted felon, was to regain the right to vote.

In applying for it Luchese, THE NEWS learned, failed to mention a couple of interesting facts, to wit:

1. He had already voted illegally in Queens County in the 1944 Presidential election.
2. He signed a false statement

to his elections board on that occasion, saying he had resided in New York State 33 years, when actually six of the more recent years had been spent in New Jersey.

Anyway, the Parole Board handed Three Finger his sheepskin as, on the showing before it, it probably was justified in doing. Just what the board had before it, however, is a matter of doubt. Usually, three letters of recommendation are required in support

of such a petition. But in this case, officials said, an investigator for the board was sent out to make verbal inquiries.

One federal investigator interviewed by THE NEWS is of the precise opinion that, just this once, the state boys may not have told quite the whole story. It is his recollection that when he looked into the Parole Board's private files a while back, the Luchese bid for freedom to vote had attached

to it a letter from Three Finger's good and importantly-placed friend, Armand Chankalian, asking permission to come up and speak on Luchese's behalf.

Chankalian already has figured in this series as the \$9,160-a-year administrative assistant to U. S. Attorney Myles J. Lane. Armand apparently introduced Luchese into high official circles without mentioning his friend's criminal record.

At any rate, assuming the federal beagle's memory is correct, the Chankalian letter just wasn't there when THE NEWS inquired at Albany. As far as THE NEWS could learn, the board's files are as bare of Luchese backers' names as Old

Mother Hubbard's cupboard.

In a way, the situation has parallels in Luchese's application for citizenship, which he filed for on Oct. 19, 1936, and received Jan. 25, 1943, at Newark. This series reported Monday that immigration officials, on orders of Attorney General James P. McGranery, are now investigating to determine whether he should be denaturalized and deported.

#### **Did Not List 4 Arrests in Citizen Application**

In applying for citizenship, Luchese declared his one felony conviction—for a 1921 auto theft in

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# WHO IS *Three Finger* BROWN?

INFORMATION AS TO VOTERS																					
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Here is the record of Luchese's illegal vote in Queens in 1944. He registered under his original first name of Gaetano, and in this case spelled his last name "Lucchese" (columns 8-9). Note that in column 18, which inquires as to length of residence in New York State, Luchese answered: "33 years." On Election Day, when Luchese signed the register in column 31 [V], note that he started to write "Thom" and then either caught himself or was reminded and signed "Gaetano Lucchese."

INFORMATION AS TO VOTERS									
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Full name of voter	Year last registration or vote	City or town	Place of birth	Place of birth	Place of birth	Place of birth	Place of birth	Place of birth	Place of birth
7	1944	First vote							

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Suffolk County, for which he did three years, but failed to list four other arrests, two for homicide, in which he won dismissals. This alone does not constitute fraud, one federal source told THE NEWS.

An applicant for citizenship is supposed, in addition to renouncing foreign sovereigns, anarchy and polygamy, to live pretty cleanly and avoid evil companions while waiting for the processes of law and time to place him among the U. S. electorate.

Did Three Finger do so?

Well, on March 31, 1941, George H. White, then assistant supervisor of the Federal Narcotics Bureau here, led seven officers into Duke's restaurant, a resort on Palisades Ave., Cliffside Park, famous for (a) mob clientele and (b) good food.

#### Found in Restaurant During Federal Raid

White signaled his arrival by heaving a heavy stool through a bar window and then hauling out 80 men, many with criminal records. The group included Luchese, the fabulous Willie Moretti—put on the spot only last year at Joe's Elbow Room, hard by Duke's—and Willie's brother, Salvatore (Solly) Moretti, also since deceased; Arthur Langano, a convicted robber; and Salvatore Arcidiaco, an ex-con considered by federal officials a major narcotics pusher.

The agents, who were investigating the suspected coercion of some Moonachie, N. J., police who were government witnesses in a narcotics case, reported finding Luchese at the table with Arcidiaco and the Morettis. Three Finger told White that he was a resident of the neighborhood and had just dropped in for a cup of coffee. He was released after questioning.

#### Talked 500 Pages To State Crime Probe

That episode may do Luchese no good when immigration officials get around to weighing his case, but he probably faces greater peril at the moment from the State Crime Commission, whose open hearings began today.

Luchese, in preliminary appearances, already has given about 500 pages of testimony. He has denied knowing a long list of hoodlum acquaintances—some of whom have been connected with him in this series. If committee counsel can prove he lied, perjury charges will follow.

Though his name, address and telephone number have

been found often on the persons of arrested gangsters and narcotics suspects, don't jump to the conclusion that Luchese's associations have been divided strictly between the underworld and the political bigwigs whose friendship he cultivated.

There's another interesting Luchese—the business man.

His upper bracket friends know him as the secretary-treasurer of Braunell Ltd., 253 W. 37th St., a reputable garment manufacturing firm doing business of \$1,000,000 a year or better. Louis Kaufman, a respected business man, is president. The vice president is Joseph Lagano, who in earlier years before entering the dress trade, spent a year and a day in Atlanta penitentiary for selling narcotics.

Braunell's, incorporated March 1, 1946, yielded a major part of the \$250,000 income Luchese reported from 1942 to 1951 and on which he paid \$70,000 taxes.

All of Luchese's ventures have

#### Executive Department, Division of Parole

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The People of the State of New York;  
To All to Whom These Presents Shall Come.

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Greeting

Whereas, At a Court held in and for the County of Suffolk

In this State of New York during March, 1922, THOMAS LUCHESE (Luchese)

was convicted of the crime of Grand Larceny, first degree, and was thereupon sentenced to a term of three (3) years eight (8) months minimum, ten (10) years maximum, and the said THOMAS LUCHESE (Luchese) was paroled on December 13, 1924, and discharged from parole on August 31, 1927;

Whereas, In accordance with the provisions of law, the Parole Board has verified that the person aforesaid has maintained a record of good conduct for a period of five years last past, and is a fit person to receive this grant;

Therefore, Knows Ye, That we have granted unto THOMAS LUCHESE (Luchese)

this Certificate of Good Conduct for the following purpose only: To end disability under Section one hundred fifty-four (154) of the Election Law.

In Testimony Whereof, three Members, constituting a majority of the Board of Parole of the State of New York, have hereunto affixed their signatures, and the said Board of Parole has caused its seal to be hereunto affixed at the City of Albany this

eighteenth  
day of April 1950.  
*John J. Brennan*  
*James J. Brennan*  
*John J. Brennan*

A copy of the certificate of good conduct issued to Luchese on April 19, 1950, by the New York State Parole Board which regained for him the right to vote.

not as handrum as garment manufacturing. Years ago he was one of a mob group which operated the Casino de Paree, with Billy Rose hired to stage the shows. Other partners included Sammy (Whitey) Speiser, with a record of arrests as a dope pusher, and Rene Brown.

Another former member of the group credits Luchese with originating a novel means of discouraging competition. Luchese, the man said, used to send men down to the docks to trap rats and smuggle them in boxes into opposition spots for surreptitious release on the dance floor.

Despite such whimsical enterprise, the Casino finally folded. Billy Rose left it in high dudgeon after returning from Europe and finding that the mob had, without consulting him, fired some of his best talent, including Eleanor Powell and Benny Goodman.

Billy told THE NEWS that he hasn't seen Luchese for many

years, but that Luchese and his crowd still owe him \$16,000 for his services as entrepreneur.

Luchese has been pictured also, though without proof, as one of a mob group which suffered heavy financial loss when prohibition was repealed and the Kings Brewery bootleg alky project went down the drain. The late beer king, Jacob Ruppert, reportedly offered \$8,500,000 for the plant because of its excellent beer-making facilities, but the syndicate held out for too much. Ruppert withdrew his bid, and eventually they got little or nothing.

Luchese was not always in such interesting fields. He was working in a munitions plant when his right index finger was blown off around the end of World War I. He described himself as a grocer when sentenced at Riverhead, L. I., in 1922 as an auto thief.

He has been a plumber's helper, machinist, lathing foreman, dried fruit importer (wine bricks, a prohibition dodge) and hat manufacturer. He has been associated with a window cleaning firm and commercial contracting, hoisting equipment, construction, real estate and other fields.

### Foes Say He Drove Lepke From Rackets

In the garment district, he is reputed to have wide influence far exceeding the scope of his own firm. He has been pictured by some as a controlling rackets figure, with more power than the late Louis (Lepke) Buchalter ever had. Some of his enemies accuse him of driving Lepke out of the rackets to his death in the electric chair. But not a solid bit of proof has been offered.

He was subjected to preliminary questioning in the Senate Crime Committee's investigation, as a result of campaign charges the previous Fall by Edward Corsi, GOP candidate for Mayor, who pictured Luchese as a top behind-scenes political power.

Council President Rudolph Halley, who was the Senate Committee's chief counsel, was reached by THE NEWS yesterday at Miami, where he is vacationing.

Halley said Three Finger was never called as a witness at the public hearings because "Corsi failed to set the stage" by providing proof of his charges. He added that the committee itself was so occupied with Frank Costello that it did not have the time and manpower to do a similar job of investigation on Luchese. The latter, he said, had simply whitewashed himself when he was questioned.

Halley repeated his charges of

last month that he believes Luchese has replaced imprisoned Frank Costello as the crime syndicate's viceroy for Manhattan.

"I turned over a bulky file on Luchese to the State Crime Commission," Halley said. "I'll be back in New York Monday. Will I be a witness before the commission? I don't know. I haven't been asked."

In private life, his friends say, you could not hope to meet a more affable citizen than Luchese. That is evidenced by his social successes among the politically mighty.

### Vacation in \$60,000

#### Ranch House at Shore

Out at Lido Beach, L. I., where he spent last Summer in a yellow brick ranch house newly constructed at 74 Royatt St., and estimated to have cost \$60,000, the neighbors speak well of him.

In addition to the impressive house, with two-car garage, three master bedrooms and a 20 by 40-foot living room, Luchese is the owner of 10 additional lots adjoining at one side and in the rear. The shore is nearby.

Luchese also maintains a year-round house at 106 Parsons Boulevard, Malba Queens, which he has owned since 1942. Before that, he lived six years at 1093 Briarway, Palisades, N. J.

Luchese pays cash on the barrelhead for all purchases, and Internal Revenue investigators are having a hard time following his trail. He had the Lido Beach house built in their spare time by workers from a nearby housing project, and paid them off weekly in cash.

Neighbors cite the number of important house guests he has had, as evidenced by limousines and official license plates, and they ask how such a pleasant little man could have gang tie-ins.

### How Luchese Became A Good Samaritan

They point to several instances in which he proved himself a Good Samaritan. Last Summer, for instance, a neighbor was seriously ill. Luchese visited him and learned that a doctor had said the man could receive the required treatment only at Mayo Clinic. But the clinic had a three-month waiting list.

"That's ridiculous," Luchese reportedly exclaimed.

He picked up a phone on the spot, the story goes, and called an associate whom he greeted as "Rosie." Within an hour, a return call came to the sick man advising that he could be admitted to Mayo Clinic the following day. How Luchese managed it the man doesn't know—but he's grateful.



## Likewise Testimony Names 'Arguments' of All Sorts



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## Giannini Killing Still Not Solved

### Hoodlum Informer On Luchese's Role

The murder of hoodlum Eugene Giannini, 42, found sprawled in a Harlem gutter in his expensive sports clothes with a bullet through his head less than two months ago, remains unsolved.

It was Giannini who informed Federal narcotics agents that Thomas "Three-Finger" Brown Luchese had taken over from gangster Frank Costello as racket coordinator in New York, according to testimony today before the State Crime Commission.

Giannini, who lived at 282 W. 234th st., was once arrested in a roundup of a \$4,000,000 dope syndicate headed by a man linked with Charles "Lucky" Luciano.

#### HAD MANY ARRESTS.

The Giannini police record includes arrests on charges of robbery, possession of firearms, narcotics law violation, felonious assault and homicide.

The hoodlum's body was discovered shortly after dawn by a delicatessen store owner on his way to work. Giannini had been shot in the back of the head and the bullet had made an exit through the forehead.

The slaying had many of the marks of a gangland killing, even to the indications that the body had been dumped out of a passing auto to the gutter in front of 21 E. 107th st.

The spot was only a few steps from the place where Vincent "Mad Dog" Coll and other gangsters allegedly killed a 12-year-old child in 1931.

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#### **NOT ROBBED.**

The hoodlum was dressed in a light tan sports jacket, brown slacks and tan shoes.

On his person was \$140 cash and he wore an expensive wrist watch. His wallet contained his driver's license and a business card reading, "Gene Giannini, Kingsdale Fuel Oil Co., 291 W. 230th St., Bronx."

Police on the Giannini case investigated reports that shots had been fired in the vicinity of the Jefferson Majors Athletic Club, 2173 2nd ave., between 111th and 112th sts.

The police said they found "thick blood" on the sidewalk in front of the club, a bullet mark in an adjoining store and two bullets in the front of a store across the street from the club.

#### **CITE COP SLAYING.**

The homicide charge against Giannini, which was dismissed, was in the slaying of Patrolman Arthur P. Rasmussen in a gun battle in June, 1934, with holdup men fleeing after a grocery robbery in the Lower East Side.

In the gunbattle at Cherry and Oliver sts., a 16-year-old girl was paralyzed with a bullet over her shoulder and a 17-year-old boy and a baby were wounded.

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# ***Luchese's Own Story Bares His Power in Highest Politics***

*See Luchese's story*

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By Martin Kivel and James Desmond

The frightening story of how Thomas (Three Finger Brown) Luchese, murder suspect, dope peddler and thug, stamped his influence on the political life of New York and reached into high places to extract favors was put in the public record in Luchese's own words yesterday at the State Crime Commission hearing in the New York County Courthouse in Foley Square.

The evidence showed that Luchese, through contacts and contributions, could move politicians of both parties to obtain favors he wanted and could reach into City Hall in New York and the Executive Mansion in Albany in quest of special privileges through his many friends.

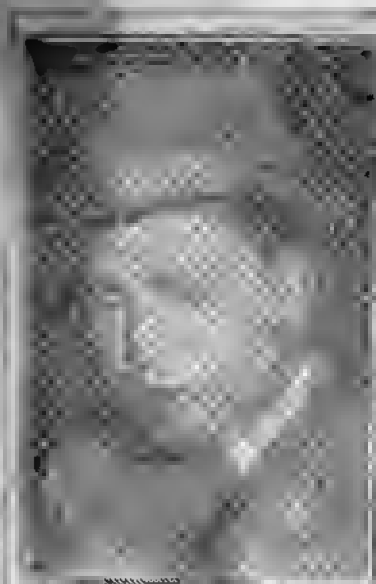
Furthermore, the record showed Luchese manipulated federal officeholders through his political contacts and used influence in Washington to help to put through his naturalization papers, even though he was already notorious when he made application and though he neglected to mention two arrests as a murder suspect in the plea.

Among the high officeholders Luchese claimed as his friends were Federal Judge Thomas F. Murphy, Mayor Impellitteri, U. S. Attorney Myles Lane, former Representative Vito Marcantonio and Supreme Court Justices James B. M. McNally, Irving Saypol, and Arthur Schwartz, as well as all leaders of Tammany Hall for the last 10 years.

Luchese's story was told in absentia from the pages of his secret testimony before the Crime Commission; a device resorted to by former Judge Joseph M. Proskauer to bring the facts out in the open pending a court decision on whether Luchese can be compelled to testify in public.

The public testimony so far has been blocked by Luchese's application to Supreme Court to relieve him of facing an open hearing. The argument will be heard Tuesday.

The Luchese story alone was damning enough, but it was buttressed throughout the day by a parade of other witnesses, each of whom in turn acknowledged the hidden power of the racketeer. How much the power of Luchese rested on violence and how much on simple corruption was not explored.



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# Three Finger's Own Testimony Revealed



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Three Finger's Own  
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The following is a  
summary of the  
testimony given by  
Three Finger, a  
former member of the  
Klans, who has  
been identified as  
a key figure in the  
organization.



dinners with Luchese and in-  
duced him around to his various  
friends. His junkets with the  
racketeer, he said, included a trip  
to Florida, to West Point and to  
various football games, and an al-  
most continuous round of political  
and charity dinners.

He listed dinners of the Friendly  
Sons of St. Patrick and the Alfred  
E. Smith Memorial Fund as places  
where Luchese entertained with  
tables of guests.

"He purchased tickets, as I un-  
derstood, for charity," the witness  
said, "and the charity affair that  
I talked about specifically was the  
Alfred E. Smith, and he would ask  
me, 'Well I got a couple of tickets  
here. If you have any friends that  
want to go to the dinner you can  
have them.' And I'd take the  
tickets and invite my friends."

#### **Didn't Give Tickets**

##### **To Any Judges**

Q. Did you give them to impor-  
tant political figures? A. They  
were my friends.

Q. Judges and others? A. No sir,  
no judges.

Chankalian said he might have  
given tickets to some assistants in  
the U. S. Attorney's office, but did  
not name any names.

Then Matthews began a tech-  
nique of eliciting statements from  
Chankalian and then knocking  
them down.

Thus, he got him to deny that  
he had taken Luchese to Newark  
and introduced him to Federal  
Judge Thomas F. Meaney. The wit-  
ness also denied that he ever pre-  
sented Luchese to Meaney so the  
racketeer could ask a favor.

Matthews introduced a state-  
ment by Meaney, who wrote that  
he had been approached by Luchese  
under Chankalian's sponsorship  
and that Luchese tried to talk  
about a pending case.

#### **Says He Didn't Talk**

##### **About Man's Sentence**

Q. (By Proskauer) You are at  
liberty to deny or confirm any  
part of Judge Meaney's statement.  
A. I deny the latter part of it.

Q. Judge Meaney says that you  
came over with this man Luchese  
and tried to talk about a man who  
was up for sentence? A. I deny it.

Q. (By Matthews) How many  
times did you have Luchese over  
there (in Newark)? A. I didn't  
have him over there.

Q. Have you seen Judge Meaney?  
A. I've seen Judge Meaney, yes.

Getting back to Chankalian's  
break with Luchese, Matthews  
asked the witness: "At no time  
subsequent to the Corsi campaign  
was Luchese with you?"

"He was not," said Chankalian.

The counsel then introduced a  
memo from the office of District  
Attorney Frank S. Hogan, report-  
ing that Chankalian's car had been  
parked in front of, or near,  
Luchese's house on four occasions  
in February, March and April,  
1951—the period just before and  
after the Senate Crime hearings.

Q. (By Proskauer) Were you  
there on those dates? A. I don't

Q. Your testimony was that dur-  
ing the campaign you got in touch  
with Luchese? A. Well, I may have  
met him after the Impellitteri—I  
don't know, I just don't—might be  
when Impellitteri was elected.

Q. How long was it after the  
campaign, a matter of days or a  
couple of weeks? A. Couple of  
weeks.

Q. And from that time forward  
you completely disassociated your-  
self from Mr. Luchese? A. Except  
on one occasion.

Chankalian explained that the oc-  
casion was when he heard that  
Luchese had suffered a heart attack  
and he drove out to his house in  
Queens and "found out how he  
was."

"I left a message telling him I  
hoped he felt well and then I left  
and I haven't seen him since," he  
added.

#### **Visit Was in Period Of Senate Inquiry**

The witness put the time of this  
visit around the period when the  
Senate crime investigating com-  
mittee was holding its New York  
hearings at which Luchese's case  
was not gone into except for sug-  
gestions because, as Rudolph  
Hain, counsel to the Senators, has  
since explained, there wasn't time.

Chankalian said he went to many



... why I should have. I had

Were you there? A. I can't recall. No, I wasn't.

Chankalian then doubled back on his previous assertions and told how he had tried to intervene with Gov. Dewey to help Luchese get a good conduct certificate, which would restore his civil rights.

Chankalian said that he and James Bruno, late confidential clerk to the justices of the Supreme Court and long time Republican leader in Harlem, had both cherished the idea of helping Luchese.

"I got in touch with Paul Lockwood (then Gov. Dewey's secretary) and made an appointment with the Governor. I've known the Governor since he was U. S. Attorney."

Chankalian insisted on telling in detail how he went to see Gov. Dewey and conferred with him about getting a pardon for Luchese, thereby getting himself in a hassle with Proskauer.

#### **'At Last We Have It,'**

#### **Proskauer Declares**

The witness said that Dewey thought it was honorable of him to try to help out Luchese and advised him to call Lockwood back in a couple of months. When he did call back, he was told that the matter was up to the Parole Board, Chankalian said.

Proskauer, who had been champ-

ing at the mention of the Governor's name, interjected:

"Now, at last we have it."

The witness: "That's it."

Q. (Proskauer) After all this palaver, the Governor's representative told you that it was not a matter of a pardon but a certificate of good conduct that had to be gotten from the Parole Board?

A. That's right.

Q. That the Governor didn't have anything to do with it? A. That's right.

Q. Well, why don't you say so?

A. I know, but I want to give in detail, Your Honor.

#### **Denies Phone Call**

#### **Mentioning 'Big Guy'**

Chankalian also denied a telephone conversation with Luchese on Dec. 11, 1950, in which the wire-tapped record by the District Attorney's office showed that more than a month after the 1950 election Chankalian spoke to the racketeer and told him he would come out to his house.

In the wiretap, Chankalian was quoted as saying "the big guy" had been in to see him.

"I don't remember any such conversation about a dinner, it may have been," the witness said.

Q. (Proskauer). Was it? A. I don't remember such a conversation. It discusses a dinner about a big guy. I don't know.

Q. (Matthews). Who are you referring to when you mention the big guy? A. I don't recall such a conversation.

Once or twice during his testimony, Chankalian tried to refer to a smear, and each time he was stopped by Proskauer. In winding up he made another try:

"I want to say this concerns two outstanding public officials that have been smeared and I think in fairness to them—"

"Who are you talking about?" asked Proskauer.

"Myles Lane, U. S. Attorney, and Judge Murphy."

Proskauer: "You can stop right there. There isn't a single thing in any of our records or files or anything else which reflects in the slightest degree on either Murphy or Mr. Myles Lane."

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# U.S., State, City Start Luchese Investigations

By NORMAN MILLER and ERWIN SAVELSON

Four Federal and two State agencies have started penetrating investigations into the activities of Tommy (Three-Finger Brown) Luchese, the underworld's new "prime minister," as a result of revelations by the State Crime Commission it became known yesterday.

In addition to these six independent inquiries, New York County District Attorney Hogan also set his investigators on the trail of the man whose social and political contacts reach into the courts and government.

The State Crime Commission staffs, meanwhile, worked over the weekend in preparation for resumption at 10 a. m. tomorrow of the sensational hearings which already have disclosed that Luchese is regarded as the successor in the underworld to imprisoned Frank Costello.

The four Federal agencies digging into Luchese's past include:

1. The Justice Department, whose FBI agents are interested in Luchese's link to nationwide crime syndicates.
2. The Internal Revenue Division which is checking Luchese's earnings and tax reports.
3. The Treasury Department's Narcotics Bureau, which has charged that Luchese succeeded Costello as the "coordinator" of the dope racket throughout the country, wielding power over the syndicate.

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4. The Immigration and Naturalization Service, which is checking to determine whether Luchese obtained his citizenship by fraud or misstatements so that possible deportation proceedings can be instituted.

In addition, the State Income Tax Division and the State Parole Board also were probing Luchese. The Income Tax men were checking his past tax reports, while the Parole Board was looking into the circumstances under which the underworld czar obtained a "certificate of good conduct" after serving a term for auto theft.

U. S. Attorney Myles J. Lane of the Southern District of New York yesterday ordered all Federal investigative agencies in this district to supply him immediately with all evidence on Luchese's "racketeering activities." Lane also sent a similar request to all state, county and city agencies in the district.

Lane revealed he has already received a complete transcript of testimony by Armand Chankalian, his administrative assistant, for forwarding to Attorney Gen-

eral McGranery in Washington. McGranery called for the transcript after Chankalian admitted close friendship with Luchese when questioned by the Crime Commission.

Lane also disclosed that last Sept. 4, he ordered Special Assistant U. S. Attorney Julius R. Rynitzky, in charge of presenting evidence to the Special Federal Grand Jury probing rackets, to probe into racketeering in the labor and trucking phases of the garment industry, with particular attention on Luchese's affairs.

Luchese thus far has attempted to stymie the commission's attempts to question him during the present hearings. But the commission hopes to get him before it either Tuesday or Wednesday.

Luchese obtained a temporary order from Supreme Court Justice Greenberg requiring the commission to show cause why the subpoena served on Luchese should not be vacated. The question is to be argued before Greenberg on Tuesday.

However, Justice Greenberg did not issue any stay with his order and the commission believes it can force Luchese to testify at the public hearings.

The 52-year-old Luchese already has been linked to the global dope syndicate of which Charles J. (Lucky) Luciano, deported vice head now in Italy, is the kingpin.

The Mirror revealed exclusively last Thursday that Luchese would be tied in with the dope peddlers by Federal agents.

The Crime Commission continued its secrecy on witnesses who will be called during the remainder of the hearings, which will continue for at least three more days in Room 408 of

County Court House in Foley Square.

But Ben A. Matthews, chief counsel of the commission, told newsmen yesterday the crime probe does not expect to summon Mayor Impellitteri, Federal Judge Murphy or Lane for testimony. Luchese had testified he was friendly with them, in addition to many others.

Commission Chairman Proskauer has warned, however, that Luchese's use of the names of prominent men should not be regarded as any reflection on the officials.

Matthews also said the commission does not plan to summon Costello, now serving a contempt of Congress term in the Federal Penitentiary at Atlanta. Nor does the commission plan to ask former Mayor O'Dwyer, Ambassador to Mexico City, to return here for questioning.

"We have no jurisdiction over him," Matthews said.

Asked if Gov. Dewey might be called, Matthews replied:

"There is nothing in the testimony that suggests any basis for calling Gov. Dewey."

The Commission was appointed by Dewey in March, 1951, to investigate links between the underworld and politicians.

Matthews said eight or 10 witnesses will be called tomorrow. He said these witnesses will range from minor politicians to district leaders. In this manner, he added, the Commission expects to show how leaders are chosen and the power they wield in public affairs.

The private testimony to commission probers by Luchese showed that during his career he engaged in a variety of businesses, including the sand and gravel business, novelty toys, window cleaning, real estate, construction, women's garments and millinery. He testified he either invested in the businesses or was active in their direction.

Referring to reports that City Council President Halley said he had turned over his records to the Crime Commission after leaving the Kefauver Committee, Matthews said Halley did not provide any information which the Commission did not already possess.

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## Luchese Past

## For Deportation

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By ROBERT WILLIAMS

The threat of deportation haunted Italian-born Thomas (Three-Finger Brown) Luchese Saturday as he found himself exposed by the State Crime Commission as the sinister successor to Frank Costello's racket barony.

Two Immigration agents sat in the Supreme Court hearing room where commission witnesses stripped Luchese of his shadowy privacy. FBI agents, meanwhile, were known to be tracking down every significant move made by Luchese since he entered the country in 1911.

A legal pitfall confronted the swarthy little garment manufacturer, meanwhile, in the form of an SCC subpoena to take the witness stand at the public hearing.

Aware of the danger, Luchese obtained an order from Supreme Court Justice Greenberg Thursday directing the SCC to show cause Tuesday why the subpoena should not be thrown out.

Some of the 600 pages of private testimony Luchese has given the state agency was aired by the commission Friday—and all of it, by order of Chairman Proskauer, has been made part of the public hearing record.

It was still questionable, therefore, that the SEC would consider it necessary to put him on the griddle before an audience.

#### FBI Digs Into His Past

As far South as Miami, FBI agents were at work digging into the details of the Luchese story from the time he entered the U. S. to the date of his naturalization, Jan. 25, 1943.

Possibility that the investigation might lead to Luchese's deportation was strengthened by the disclosure by the commission that the racketeer concealed from the Immigration Board all his criminal record except his conviction for auto theft which could not be denied.

Actually Luchese had been arrested five times, twice for murder, once for receiving stolen goods, once for vagrancy and once for the felony on which he was convicted.

Luchese was very vague when questioned about the murder arrests. He admitted being arrested and questioned in the slaying of Joseph Pinzolo who was shot to death Sept. 5, 1930, in the office he shared with Luchese at 1457 Broadway as the California Dried Fruit Importers.



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tics in high gear Friday with every prospect of momentous disclosure next week.

George White, agent-in-charge of New England for the U. S. Narcotics Bureau, revealed that a narcotics peddler was slain in Harlem just two months ago after he named Luchese as Frank Costello's successor.

Armand Chankalian, 49, administrative assistant in the U. S. Attorney's office, supplied the next big piece in the SCC's jigsaw portrait of Three-Finger Brown.

A few hours after he testified, his superior, U. S. Atty. Lane, announced that at the request of Atty. Gen. McGranery, a complete transcript of Chankalian's testimony would be forwarded to Washington "for such action as he deems appropriate."

Lane pointed out that Chankalian is a civil service employee of 34 years' standing and that any action taken in the matter would have to conform to civil service regulations.

Lane said he would not discuss the testimony until he had seen the official transcript of the hearing.

From City Hall, a flurry of denials arose over charges made before the SCC, that bookmaker Erickson had received favored treatment while serving his two-year prison term on Rikers Island.

The prison warden, Milton Klein, had told the commission Thursday that Erickson had received 184 passes for "bench visits" that permit prisoners and visitors to talk without being separated by a screen.

Klein said that during this same period, the other 2,400 prisoners combined received 186 such

passes. The warden said he had been ordered by Correcting Commissioner Williams to give Erickson a "desirable job" and other privileges.

Williams, through his secretary, denied the favored treatment allegation. He said the "bench visit" passes were not unusual, but were being reduced in number.

Impellitteri backed Williams, saying the charges against Williams already had been probed by Investigation Commissioner Sheils. The mayor said Williams gave a satisfactory explanation about the large number of visits, but he declined to make public the explanation.

Chankalian acknowledged having introduced his long-time friend to numbers of prominent public persons. He also admitted going to Albany and conferring with Gov. Dewey in 1949 in the hope of obtaining a State Parole Board "good conduct certificate" for Luchese to erase the stain of a 1921 grand larceny conviction for auto theft.

He abandoned his efforts, said Chankalian, when Luchese told him to "stay out of it." Although there was no evidence that Dewey played any part in it, Luchese got his clean bill of health from the Parole Board by May, 1950.

Chankalian said he had no idea that Luchese had been arrested in three murder investigations until the 1950 mayoral campaign in which Mayor Impellitteri was elected to City Hall.

Three-finger Brown's name was injected into the campaign by State Industrial Commissioner Corsi, Republican nominee, who named him as an undercover supporter of Impellitteri. Corsi charged that other underworld

leaders including Costello, Joe Adonis and Vito Genovese, were quietly backing the Democratic legislative candidate, former Supreme Court Justice Pecora. When he heard the charges, said Chankalian, he went to see Luchese and informed him that he could no longer hold out with him. It was then Luchese informed him that the Parole Board had given him a good-conduct certificate.

The private testimony or as much of it as was read in the hearing room, of Luchese, disclosed admissions of an imposing array of friends and acquaintances both in the underworld and public life.

It jibed with the veritable parade of Tammany district leaders who took the stand Thursday and blandly admitted friendships of one degree or another with Costello, bookmaker Frank Erickson, Trigger Mike Coppola, Joey Rao, Willie Moretti, Joe Adonis and Luchese himself.

Mayor Impellitteri, one of the many officials whom Luchese acknowledged knowing for four or five years, insisted at City Hall that it was no friendship.

Impellitteri said he had known Luchese "as a reputable dress manufacturer" whom he met "infrequently and always at public occasions." He said he never knew Luchese as "Three-Finger Brown."

One of the high points of Friday's hearing was the reading of a transcript of a phone conversation Chankalian allegedly made to Luchese at his home at 106 Parsons Blvd. in Malba, Queens, Dec. 11, 1950.

Ben A. Matthews, chief counsel to the SCC, said the transcript was obtained from District Hogan's office. The most interesting aspect was a reference to the "big guy" and "the boss." Far from knowing who any such individual was, Chankalian insisted he couldn't even remember the conversation.

Another committee witness, Daniel Neustein, deposed Tammany leader of the Sixth A.D. on the Lower East Side, testified later that Costello was frequently referred to as "the Boss" around Tammany Hall.

Neustein, incidentally, said he lost his district leadership to Sidney Moses because "the Boss didn't want me around any longer."

At the outset of the hearings, Chairman Proskauer made it clear that the SCC was not aiming at producing evidence for prosecutions. He said the data gathered would be used in making recommendations to the

Legislature aimed at protecting the government from underworld inroads.

FBI and Immigration agents, however, watched the proceedings for any technicality which might be used to relieve Luchese of his naturalization and send him back to Palermo.

Lucky Luciano, an acknowledged Luchese pal of old, was

given the transatlantic heave-ho as an undesirable alien after his conviction as the ranking vice overlord. But Luciano was never naturalized and the process was simpler.

The government is proceeding against Costello, who is doing time for perjury in Atlanta Federal Penitentiary, with the same goal.



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## Thugs' and Judges' Names Stud His Reluctant Story

U. S. Attorney Lane calls on all federal investigation agencies to supply him with evidence on the racketeering activities of Thomas "Three Finger Brown" Luchese. Page 17

Testimony developed by the Crime Commission is expected to lead to top-to-bottom shakeup in the methods of selecting Supreme Court judges and in doling out court patronage. Page 17:

Secret verbatim testimony of Thomas "Three-Finger Brown" Luchese, in which he tells of hitherto undisclosed steps in his meteoric rise from an obscure thug to a political power and a friend of judges, is published herewith for the first time.

Luchese, 52, dope peddler and murder suspect, is one of the prime targets of the State Crime Commission's inquiry into the relationships between organized crime and politics. It is from the Commission's files that the secret Luchese testimony comes.

Throughout the many pages of Luchese's testimony—that part revealed up to now—run the names of some of New York's most important officials with whom he allegedly was friendly—Mayor Impellitteri; Federal Judge Murphy, former Police Commissioner; United States Attorney Lane; ex-Congressman Vito Marcantonio and Supreme Court Justices Schwartz, McNally and Saypol.

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## **Decade of Tammany Chiefs**

Not to mention all the leaders of Tammany Hall for the past decade and the top criminal leaders from Lucky Luciano to Frank Costello.

Today's secret testimony reveals that Luchese's social relationships with gangsters were as broad and as varied as were his social contacts with a long string of judges from different courts.

Testifying at closed-door sessions of the Crime Commission, Luchese acknowledged his debt to his long-time friend, Armand Chankalian, top administrative aide to U. S. Attorney Lane, for introducing him to "so many nice people."

The introductions included one to U. S. Judge Meaney of Newark, before whom was pending a case in which the racketeer was interested.

The testimony exposes facts in Luchese's life which he has been battling for years to keep from reaching the public's ears. Last Thursday, he sought a court order to vacate a Crime Commission subpoena which would compel him to submit to a public examination. He has not been questioned publicly yet.

A small part of the Luchese testimony, which in its entirety covers 600 typewritten pages, was read into the record of the Commission's hearing Friday.

## **Naturalized Despite 5 Arrests**

Luchese is vice-president of Braunnell, Ltd., coat manufacturers, of 225 W. 37th st. He once told a Senate agency he made \$26,000 in salary and \$16,700 in dividends in 1948 and drew \$34,000 in salary in 1947.

He was born Geatano Luchese in Palermo, Italy, on Dec. 1, 1899, and came to the United States in 1911. On Oct. 9, 1936, with a record of five arrests and one felony conviction, he filed in Queens a declaration of intention of

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## Names of Important Officials Run Through His Reluctant Tale

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becoming a naturalized citizen. He was admitted to citizenship on Jan. 25, 1943, in Newark.

The secret testimony follows:

(2:20 p. m., Aug. 29, 1951. Luchese is questioned at 270 Broadway, Crime Commission headquarters, by John M. Harlan, then chief counsel.)

Q. What places have you met the Mayor in, outside of Bentivegna's Restaurant, 55 Houston st.?

A. Such as charitable dinners.

Q. Ever met him at Lauritano's Restaurant up in the Bronx (333 E. 149th st.)?

A. I Don't believe I ever see him there. I'm not sure. I wouldn't swear to that. It might have been; it might not. If it was, it was way back. I don't remember seeing him there. Maybe I was there, but I didn't pay any attention. It didn't mean anything at the time when he was president of the City Council. The man was not conspicuously—

Q. What other places can you recall besides Bentivegna's where you have met Mr. Impellitteri?

A. Well, the Al Smith Memorial. He was there pretty near every year that I knew. That was a dinner which I attended, a dinner for which I buy tickets every year. I believe, I see Mr. Impellitteri in one or two or three other dinners that I went to, charitable dinners. The Committee of 100, a few other dinners.

(Lauritano's restaurant is operated by Angelo Lauritano, a brother of Amedeo L. Lauritano, former assistant U. S. Attorney, who was appointed a magistrate by Mayor Impellitteri last December to serve until May, 1955. In testimony revealed at the Crime Commission hearing Friday, Luchese said he knew Lauritano "very well," that Lauritano had been to his home "many times," that he had retained Lauritano as a lawyer but denied that Lauritano ever asked his assistance.)

## Regarding Vito Marcantonio

Q. Now here is a list of certain functionaries in the American Labor Party. I want to ask you to look at that and tell me which, if any, you know. (Handing paper to witness.)

A. Marcantonio is one of them. Marc is the only man, Marcantonio.

Q. How long have you known him?

A. I'd say part of my life; I mean probably since I was a young man.

Know him well?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Did he play any part in getting your boy (Luchese's son, Robert) into West Point?

A. Yes, sir. He was the one that appointed him.

Q. What year was that?

A. '46. The end of '46.

Q. Did you contact him on the appointment and ask his support?

A. Yes, sir, that goes way back, sir.

**LaGuardia and Marc  
Backed Aim for Boy**

**Q.** Give me the story on that.

**A.** It was my wish, my wish in

life, that if my boy was to ever grow up, I'd want to see him go to West Point. I figured that I would be able to go through life—and I asked—as a matter of fact, I asked—we talked about it one time with Fiorello LaGuardia (former Mayor). He says, "Well, if you have a son and I'm living—send him to West Point," and that carried on to the time when Marc became Congressman, after he had been Congressman for some years



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Thomas

and your boy makes it if he's good  
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A. No discussion whatsoever, outside of I'll say, "How's things?" He'll say, "How's your family?" If there's going to be a prize fight, he'll say, "Who do you think is going to win?" Things of that sort.

Q. Well, you have had discussions on political questions?

A. Never had discussions about political matters at all.

Q. District leader fights, and that sort of thing?

A. Not interested in that. I don't know if he was or not.

Q. Well, what kind of conversations have you had with him that led you to get sufficiently acquainted to call him by his first name?

A. I don't know.

Q. Were you active politically when you were living in Harlem?

### Different Spellings Of His Last Name

A. In Harlem, no, sir. I was a young man at the time.

Q. What was it, Mr. Luchese, that brought you and Costello together to the extent that you have indicated in these last eight years?

A. I don't know. Other people know the same way, but in a different business.

Q. (by Bartow Farr, assistant commission counsel): What is the



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Lucky enough that I remem-

A: I don't recall. After all this  
who recalls anything?  
Lucky enough that I remem-

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Q. Probably did? Well, any-  
way in 1951, he was seen coming  
to your house practically on a  
weekly basis.

A. Yes?

Q. Is that your recollection?

A. I don't know—he might  
have. Yes, he came over my  
house. He came over my house  
often.

Q. In '51?

A. I don't know whether it's  
'51, or '47. I don't recall when.  
For the next time, I keep a diary.  
This way I'll be able to answer  
every thing you ask me.

Q. Well, during the Kefauver  
hearings, did he discuss the Ke-  
fauver hearings with you?

A. He didn't discuss nothing  
with me. I was all by myself.

Q. Did you ever ask him to get  
a job for any of your friends?  
For Tony Alfano?

A. No.

Q. Did you ask Chankalian to  
get him a job with the Kefauver  
Committee?

A. No.

Q. Did you know that Alfano  
worked with the Kefauver Com-  
mittee?

A. How would I know?

Q. (Repeating:) Did you know  
that Alfano worked with the Ke-  
fauver Committee?

A. He's the one that come and  
subpoenaed me. That's how much  
I knew him—he come and sub-  
poenaed me.

Q. Then you did know? Did you  
know he was working for them  
before?

A. I don't remember.

Alfano's connection and how  
he got his job with the Kefauver  
Committee is not pursued fur-  
ther.)



**Long Beach, L. I.,  
Real Estate Project**

Q. (by Farr) Who is Frank Bar-  
bera?

A. I don't know.

Q. You gave him \$650 on Nov.  
24, 1950.

A. All right—wait a minute. I  
gave him a check for \$650, huh?

Q. Yes.

A. Frank Barbera—I know just  
what it is. I can't say—I can't  
remember. (Witness pauses). I  
can't remember now, Mr. Farr,  
but it's a matter of record. Maybe  
it will come to me.

Q. Who is Joe Rosenblum?

A. Rosenblum? He's a man in  
the business I gave a check; \$900  
or a thousand dollars, I don't  
know.

Q. In connection with the busi-  
ness?

A. No, that's a personal check-  
ing account you're talking about.  
I know it.

Q. What did you give him the  
check for?

A. I bought some property on  
Long Island.

Q. I thought we discussed the  
fact that you didn't have any  
property in Long Island.

A. Mr. Farr, you told me, 'do  
you own real estate at 108th st.'

and I say 'yes.' That was it. I remember it.

Q. I asked you also if you own any other property.

A. Yes.

Q. Where do you own this property?

A. Long Beach, L. I. It's lots.

Q. Do you own any other lots any place?

A. No, my wife owns them.

Q. She owns these lots (at Long Beach)?

A. Yes.

### Connections in the Garment District

Q. Do you know Johnny Plumieri, alias Johnny Doyle?

A. No.

Q. He was a partner of Nat Nelson (found murdered in his midtown apartment in 1951. He was employed in the garment district and his murder is still unsolved).

A. I don't know Nat Nelson.

Q. He's the manager of Arty Levine.

A. I don't know.

Q. You don't know any of them?

A. I don't know Nelson; I don't know Levine. What was the other one you say?

Q. Johnny Plumieri, known as Johnny Doyle.

A. No.

Q. How about the Dio brothers;

how many of those do you know?

A. You mean Jimmy Doyle—you don't mean Johnny Doyle?

Q. Jimmy Doyle. You know him? (Plumieri, alias Jimmy Doyle, is a garment district trucking racketeer).

A. Yes, I know him from being around the neighborhood.

Q. Did you know him from before you went into the garment business?

A. No.

Q. What was his business?

A. A trucking business, I understand. It was in the papers.

Q. Is he one of your truckers?

A. No.

Q. How about the Dio brothers (DioGuardia Brothers, nephews of Jimmy Doyle)? How many of them do you know?

A. John and Tom. Tommy, I know; he comes up—he's been in the contracting business. He done some work for us some years back—three or four or five years back, I think.

Q. How about Johnny Dio?

A. I know him just like that—like I know the others in the neighborhood—but not now—four or five years ago. He was also in the business.

Q. Did you do business with them?

A. No.

Q. You did with Tom?

A. Yes; Tom is a contractor.

Q. What's John?

A. I was in the shoulder pad business.

Q. Did you ever buy any shoulder pads from him?

A. I don't believe I ever did. I'm not sure.

Q. Does he ever come up to the office?

A. No.

Q. Has Johnny Dio ever been to your home?

A. No.

Q. Does your wife know him?

A. (Witness pauses). I don't recall. I think we know the whole family. I think we went to some party or some dinner where we met the whole DioGuardia family.

Q. Hasn't Johnny Dio been to your home?

A. It's possible.

## Politics and The Judiciary

Q. Do you know Roger J. Brock, judge of the Municipal Court, Kings County?

A. I believe so.

Q. When did you meet Brock?

A. I don't remember.

Q. Have you known him a long time?

A. I wouldn't know. Maybe eight or 10 years. I don't mean to say I know him 10 years from day to day.

Q. Do you remember how you met him?

A. At a dinner, probably.

Q. You have never seen him outside of a public dinner?

A. No.

Q. Did you ever invite him to a dinner?

A. No, not I.

Q. Have you ever seen him in a restaurant?

A. You mean meet him in restaurants?

(Here several other questions led to Luchessa disclosing the formula for his social success with judges.)

A. Well, it isn't a question of introduction. You go to a place and you're sitting down and somebody would say—'Meet so-and-so.' And you don't even know who introduced you.

Q. How about Louis Capozzoli (General Sessions Judge)? We have touched on him previously. You have known him for a long time?

A. Yes.

Q. Since before he became a judge?

A. I think so.

Q. Have you ever been to his house?

A. I don't recall having been to his house.

Q. Do you know his wife?

A. Yes. I think we went one time to dinner. If I'm not mistaken it was the Committee of 100 dinner—one of those dinners I attended with my family, and he attends with his family.

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# Seeks Racket Evidence:

## **Lane Bounds Up Data on Luchese**

U. S. Attorney Lane announced last night he had notified all federal investigating agencies in this district to present to him immediately evidence on the racketeering activities of Thomas "Three-Finger Brown" Luchese.

Lane—himself disclosed in State Crime Commission testimony as having been Luchese's guest at a West Point football game—said he had also asked all state agencies to forward their information on Luchese to federal authorities.

**TO O'DWYER'S TIME.**

As Lane was stepping up the Luchese inquiry, it was learned that the Crime Commission will next turn its attention at the resumption of hearings tomorrow to gangster influence in the administration of former Mayor O'Dwyer, now Ambassador to Mexico.

A commission spokesman said there was no intention at present of summoning O'Dwyer himself and he added:

"We have no jurisdiction over O'Dwyer."

The federal prosecutor disclosed the Crime Commission transcript of the testimony of Armand Chankalian, his top administrative aid and a long-time friend of Luchese, had been forwarded to Attorney General McNamara in Washington.

Chankalian admitted he had once gone all the way up to Gov. Dewey in an effort to get a pardon for Luchese and that he had introduced the gang boss to Lane and to Federal Judge Thomas P. Murphy, former Police Commissioner.

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#### FOR SPECIAL JURY.

Lane declared that any evidence relating to Luchese would be presented immediately to the special federal rackets grand jury which was impaneled last February to investigate waterfront extortion and violence.

The federal prosecutor's statement made no reference to his own friendship with the man who is accused of having taken over the leadership of the crime syndicates from Frank Costello, now in Atlanta penitentiary.

Lane made reference to the fact that the State Crime Commission had labeled Luchese as a "top racketeer" and he was calling upon all federal agencies to step up their investigations into the gangster's activities.

Although he made no reference to Chankalian, his chief administrative aide, Lane previously intimated he had no power over him and that only the Civil Service Commission could discipline him.

The FBI, the Justice, Treasury and Immigration Departments were especially interested in the testimony of George White, New England district supervisor of the Federal Narcotics Bureau. White testified that Eugene Giannini, Harlem dope peddler, informed him Luchese had been named "coordinator" by the crime syndicates in place of the imprisoned Costello.

#### KILLED BY GUNMEN.

Two months after Giannini made his statement to narcotics agents, his bullet riddled body was found sprawled in a Harlem gutter.

Attorney General McGranery, in Washington, ordered a transcript of Friday's testimony by Chankalian, who said he knew Luchese for many years but only recently learned of his criminal record.

The FBI in its inquiry into Luchese's past, enlisted the help of Council President Halley, former counsel to the Kefauver Crime Committee, who is now vacationing in Miami Beach.

Halley, who said he was turning over all his information on Luchese to the FBI said there was no doubt in his mind as to "Three Finger Brown's" ascension to top place in the crime empire.

The Treasury Department is interested also in learning whether Luchese's tax returns are in order, and the Immigration officials want to know if he made any false statements when he applied for his naturalization papers.

The Crime Commission hearings resume with a good chance that Luchese—so far a figure in absentia in the hearing chambers in Supreme Court—may be called to the witness stand Tuesday or Wednesday. Luchese has asked the Supreme Court to vacate his subpoena and a ruling is expected Tuesday.

#### NAMED IN CAMPAIGN.

Luchese, who was able to mask his activities behind a clothing manufacturing business he operates, was brought to public attention first in the 1950 mayoralty campaign. Edward Corai, Republican candidate, charged Luchese was a friend and supporter of Mayor Impellitteri, the independent candidate.

Ben A. Matthews, chief counsel of the Crime Commission, said yesterday the Commission does not intend to summon Mayor Impellitteri or Federal Judge Thomas F. Murphy, former Police Commissioner, and U. S. Attorney, who were linked to Luchese in Friday's testimony.

Matthews indicated the hearings might last through Thursday although he said the commission

hoped to conclude by Wednesday.  
 He said no public official  
 named in testimony had as yet  
 asked for a chance to be heard.  
 He would not say if enough evi-  
 dence had been developed by the  
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By ALEXANDER FEINBERG

In his application for citizenship Luchese, reputed successor to Frank Costello as the underworld's spokesman in dealing with highly placed New York politicians, admitted one arrest for grand larceny, for which he was sentenced at Riverhead, L. I., on March 27, 1922, to three years and nine months imprisonment.

### Other Arrests Alleged

The Attorney General said that Luchese had failed to disclose four subsequent arrests, two of them on murder charges, and that this constituted a false statement, which is a ground for cancellation under the immigration laws. No conviction was obtained in any of the subsequent cases.

Mr. McGranery said that Luchese's case had been under scrutiny since September. He termed it an incident in his announced plan to move for the denaturalization and deportation of undesirable naturalized citizens or aliens.

Luchese's testimony, which was taken in private, was read last Friday at the current public hearings of the State Crime Commission. In it the former convict, who became a prosperous cloak and suit manufacturer after having had a hand in a large variety of other business ventures, told of knowing or being "friendly" with

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many judges of Federal, state and local courts and with prosecutors and politicians.

Luchese's action in the State Supreme Court to stave off a personal appearance before the Crime Commission is to be heard this afternoon. There was a distinct likelihood, however, that, even if the temporary show-cause order is vacated, the commission will not call him as a witness.

Citizenship was granted to Luchese in Newark, N. J., Jan. 25, 1948, although he had moved to Queens two years before that date, a transcript of his private minutes before the commission disclosed.

In line with most of the testimony given privately, but under oath, Luchese was vague on some points of his naturalization proceedings but cocksure and positive about incidents that he wanted to remember.

### Excerpts From Testimony

Questioned Aug. 1, 1952, by H. Bartow Farr, assistant commission counsel, with former Police Commissioner Edward P. Mulrooney, a member of the commission, presiding, Luchese was asked:

Q. Do you remember, on your naturalization, any questions about arrests? A. No, I don't remember.

Q. If they had a question about arrests, you would have filled it out with your arrests, wouldn't you? A. I don't know. I was down there, I know. The judge says to me: 'Have you been arrested?'—I don't know what he says—or incarcerated ever since then? I said: 'No.'

Q. What did you say 'No' for when you had? A. What do you mean?

Q. You had been arrested since the time you were convicted. A. They asked for time.

Q. They asked you on the application if you ever had been arrested. A. I don't remember that, Mr. Farr! You are just trying to put me in — to trick me to say something I don't remember. I don't know why you do all these things.

Commissioner Mulrooney: They didn't ask you if you were convicted, if you were arrested? The witness: No. They asked me did I do time since that time, and I didn't do no time; I wasn't convicted.

Examination disclosed also that Luchese had filed and taken his first papers in New York "once or twice." Commissioner Mulrooney taxed him with having moved to New Jersey to become naturalized after failing in New York, but this the witness denied.

Asked whether he had filed in the Federal or state courts, Luchese snapped: "You got to file in the Federal. Where can you file the state? What has the state to do with it?"

"That's right," Mr. Mulrooney commented.

#### House in Wife's Name

Luchese said he lived at 1064 Parsons Boulevard, Malba, Queens, which is embraced in the Eastern Federal District with headquarters in Brooklyn. The house, he said, is in his wife's name.

The spelling of his name as Thomas Luckese, as it appeared in the Attorney General's directive to Mr. Parker, was explained in his testimony. Luchese said that, pronounced phonetically, it sounded like cheese and that because fellow prisoners nicknamed him "Cheese" he changed the spelling when he got out of jail. He was known also at various times as Three Finger or Tommy Brown, Gaetano Lucchese, Thomas Lucase and Thomas Arra. He said he used the Arra alias when he was "picked up" for a crime he did not commit to shield his identity from the Parole Board.

Born in Palermo, Sicily, Luchese came to this country in 1911. He will be 53 years old on Dec. 1. He filed his first New Jersey application for citizenship on Oct. 19, 1936, in Newark; his application for final papers on July 13, 1940, and was naturalized on Jan. 25, 1943. His son, Robert, 23, is a lieutenant in the Air Force and a graduate of the United States Military Academy. He also has a 10-year-old daughter.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : FILE 62-11148)

FROM : LELAND V. BOARDMAN, SAC

SUBJECT: ARMAND CHANKALIAN;  
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO  
U. S. ATTORNEY, SDNY

DATE: 11/18/52

Assistant Director A. ROSEN telephoned at 3:30 P.M., 11/18/52, referred to the Daily Mirror issue for 11/18/52, and read portions of an article, captioned "Gave McGRATH Data on CHANKALIAN and [REDACTED] SAYPOL," SAYPOL allegedly indicating that a report was turned over to the FBI during 1950 and 1951, requesting investigation by the FBI of CHANKALIAN. Mr. ROSEN'S inquiry was:

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Did we conduct any investigation of CHANKALIAN in 1950 or 1951?

Did SAYPOL turn over to the FBI any information concerning CHANKALIAN in 1950 or 1951?

Mr. ROSEN pointed out that the Bureau records fail to so reflect. He desired that we ascertain from our records what the situation is.

A check of the files made by SA [REDACTED] failed to reflect any information being received from SAYPOL concerning ARMAND CHANKALIAN in 1950 or 1951. Our files do not reflect we had investigated CHANKALIAN in either 1950 or 1951, at anybody's request. SA [REDACTED] pointed out we did have an old investigation concerning CHANKALIAN, which took place in 1940, which fact had already been brought to the Bureau's attention.

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SA [REDACTED] pointed out that there were approximately 165 references on THOMAS LUCKESE in the New York Office files and that he had not completely reviewed all of them and it was possible that SAYPOL may have written in concerning LUCKESE and it had not been indexed under CHANKALIAN.

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At 5:40 PM, I telephonically apprised Assistant Director ROSEN of the above information. He instructed that the references as to LUCKESE be checked immediately for the purpose of definitely establishing that we had received no information from SAYPOL concerning LUCKESE.

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TO : FILE (62-11148)

DATE: 11/19/52

FROM : LELAND V. BOARDMAN, SAC

SUBJECT: ARMAND CHANKALIAN,  
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO  
U. S. ATTORNEY, SDNY

Assistant to the Director D. M. LADD telephoned at 6:15 PM to advise:

(1) That the Attorney General has telephoned U. S. Attorney FRANK PARKER and instructed FRANK PARKER to get out necessary process which will permit Agents to arrest LUCKESE. We, of course, are not to arrest LUCKESE until we have been advised that the process has been issued. We are not to have any U. S. Marshal with our Agents at any time. In our contacts with U. S. Attorney PARKER, we are not to keep him advised concerning progress we are making. In fact, when we do locate LUCKESE, the Bureau is to be notified and U. S. Attorney PARKER is not to be advised until such time as the Bureau authorizes notification to PARKER. Obviously, if we arrest LUCKESE, the U. S. Marshal is out of the picture insofar as any notification is concerned. If we happen to locate LUCKESE before said process has been issued, it will then be necessary for us to maintain surveillance until we have ascertained that process is available.

The Director is very anxious that we expedite the handling of this matter and I was, therefore, instructed to insure that this matter was given immediate, appropriate attention.

Immediately upon the completion of the telephone instruction from Mr. LADD, I telephoned U. S. Attorney FRANK PARKER and advised him that the Attorney General had or was going to call him relative to getting out necessary criminal process to permit us to arrest LUCKESE. Mr. PARKER pointed out that as things now stand, there is only civil process outstanding. He stated there is no way of getting out criminal process because there are no criminal proceedings involved in this situation.

I inquired of Mr. PARKER as to whether it would be possible for the FBI to serve the civil process. Mr. PARKER stated he would be able, tomorrow morning, to apply to the court, get the necessary order from the court to permit the FBI to serve the civil subpoena.

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I told Mr. PARKER if I desired him to do this, I would immediately further contact him. I thereafter telephonically contacted Assistant to the Director D. M. LADD, apprised him of the above conversations, whereupon Mr. LADD instructed that I call Mr. PARKER back and ask Mr. PARKER to get the necessary court orders to permit the FBI to serve whatever civil process was involved.

I thereafter telephonically contacted Mr. FRANK PARKER and made this request, whereupon Mr. FRANK PARKER stated that he would pursue this procedure the first thing tomorrow morning. I asked Mr. PARKER whether it would be necessary for the Agent to have the civil process in his possession and he stated that it would be necessary for the Agent to have the process in his possession. Arrangements were, therefore, made with Mr. PARKER to have an Agent come to his office, 10 AM, 11/20/52, for the purpose of securing the process as soon as it is appropriately issued and return to this office so that said Agent would then be able to appropriately serve the process when LUCKESE is located.

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TO : FILE- (62-11148)

FROM : LELAND V. BOARDMAN, SAC

SUBJECT: ARMAND CHANKALIAN  
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO  
U. S. ATTORNEY, SDNY

DATE: 11/19/52

At 4:03 PM, Inspector [ ] telephoned to advise that the Bureau instructs that very discreet checks be made with a view toward ascertaining the present whereabouts of LUCKESE in anticipation of a possible request from the Attorney General that the FBI seek his apprehension. It is emphasized that no open inquiries are to be made for any reason under any circumstances and that the inquiries thht are made must be through sources where it will not become known we are seeking his location.

For such assistance as it may be, with the understanding that obviously we are not to interview [ ]

We are to keep the Bureau immediately advised concerning the results of our discreet checks.

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TO : FILE (62-11148)

FROM : LELAND V. BOARDMAN, SAC

SUBJECT: ARMAND CHANKALIAN  
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO  
U. S. ATTORNEY, SDNY

DATE: 11/19/52

Referring to my telephone conversation with Assistant Director A. ROSEN, 11/18/52, quoting Judge SAYPOL, Assistant to the Director D. M. LADD advised me at 6:15 PM, 11/19/52, that I was to arrange an immediate appointment with SAYPOL, call his attention to the newspaper article, point out to him that we have no such record in our office reflecting the receipt of information from him, and then ask Mr. SAYPOL, "What did you have in mind?"

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TO : SAC, NY

DATE: 11/19/52

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: ARMAND CHANKALIAN  
Administrative Assistant  
to the U. S. Attorney, SDNY  
MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE  
MISCELLANEOUS - INFO CONCERNING

This is to advise that during the evening of 11/18/52 all references in the files of the NYO were reviewed re THOMAS LUCHESE and all his known aliases, ARMAND CHANKALIAN and IRVING SAYPOL.

A review of all the references on the above failed to reflect that SAYPOL had advised this office at any time of the association between ARMAND CHANKALIAN and THOMAS LUCHESE.

ADDENDUM

I telephonically apprised Assistant Director A. ROSEN of the above facts at 9:30 A.M., 11/19/52, at the same time with reference to letter from MYLES J. LANE, U. S. Attorney, dated 11/17/52, the opening paragraph as follows:

"I refer you to the conference which you attended at my office on February 27, 1952, at which time I requested that your agency furnish me with information or evidence about rackets, racketeers, etc."

I informed Mr. ROSEN that I had located in file 94-837, captioned "FEDERAL GRAND JURIES INVESTIGATION, LOCAL CRIME", Serial 32, a teletype from the New York Office to the Bureau, indicating that SAC SCHEIDT, from 2:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M., 2/27/52, had attended a conference of law enforcement agencies, SDNY, held by U. S. Attorney MYLES J. LANE, with approximately 35 officials in attendance. I pointed out that SAC SCHEIDT made a brief statement in conformity with instructions previously issued by the Bureau and that at the conclusion of SAC SCHEIDT'S remarks, no questions were asked.

Mr. ROSEN then mentioned the Daily Mirror newspaper, 11/19/52 issue, indicating that the U. S. filed papers to deprive LUCHESE of his citizenship. Mr. ROSEN observed that the possibility

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exists we may subsequently be requested to locate LUCKESE in the event his whereabouts are unknown. Mr. ROSEN stated that in the event such a request were received, we should immediately advise the Bureau before taking any action in the matter.

With reference further to the letter from U. S. Attorney MYLES LANE, as above noted, I telephonically apprised Assistant Director A. ROSEN at 6:50 P.M., 11/18/52 of the receipt of said letter, advised him of the exact content, and he made longhand notes concerning same. Mr. ROSEN stated that the appropriate answer which I should make would be considered at the Bureau and that I would be advised as to the precise terminology to be used in said letter. Mr. ROSEN suggested possible terminology as "Any request concerning the subject matter of your letter of 11/17/52 would be taken up directly with your superiors in Washington."

Mr. ROSEN stated that I would be instructed further relative to the answering of said communication.

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### **Costello the 'Boss' at Tammany**

3. Daniel Neustein, a deposed lower East Side Tammany district leader, said Costello, now serving a Federal prison term for contempt of Congress, was known as "The Boss" around Tammany Hall and that when he (Neustein) once expressed a desire to become a judge, Neal told him there was no reason why he could not achieve a bench post "if you pay for it like the other fellow."

4. Crime Commission investigators reported that former Tammany leader Edward V. Loughlin earned \$20,000 in 1945, \$32,000 in 1946, and \$46,000 in 1947, though his salary as secretary to former Supreme Court Justice Ferdinand Pecora from 1935 to 1945 was \$7,800 a year.

5. George White, a Federal Narcotics Bureau supervisor, said he was told Luchese was the overall general of a mob

which divided the country into four zones for the dope traffic. In charge of the areas, White said, were such hoodlums as Abe Chait, Joe Palisades, or Rosato; Steve La Salle, and Joe Langano, also known as Lagano.

Giannini, 42, of 282 W. 234th St., Bronx, was found shot in front of 221 E. 107th St. on Sept. 20. Giannini, who once was in jail in Italy and then sent back to the U. S., was said to have lived in "dread" of Luciano.

It was Giannini, White said, who outlined the "table of organization" of the division under which Luchese took over as "co-ordinator of the narcotics rackets" after Costello was imprisoned.

White also said that when Luciano was arrested in Italy in 1948, a book was found on him with such names as:

"Nick Gentile, Mike Ladcarl, Tommy (Branda) Brown, 55 E. Houston St., Bentivenga's Restaurant; Mike Coppola, Willie Moretti, Joe Mangano, Joe Profaci," and others.

Chankalian's efforts to help Luchese were brought out under questioning by Ben Matthews, the Commission's chief counsel.

Testimony developed that Luchese had been arrested a number of times. Twice in connection

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showed he denied ever doing business with Coco, who now is awaiting sentence in Florida on a murder conviction.

Luchese said he knew Costello "way back from childhood" and met him often in midtown restaurants. He admitted contributing sums between \$100 and \$200 to both Democratic and Republican organizations but denied ever giving \$2,000 to a Democratic group on Jan. 13, 1950, remarking, "show me, I wish they'd give it back to me if I did."

He said when he bought tables for political functions, "the invitation" was done by Chankalian and Carmine Bruno, a GOP district leader.

Luchese said he was friendly with Mayor Impellitteri, Tammany leader Carmine De Sapio and Frank Sampson, Impellitteri's administrative assistant. He said he has known the Mayor four or five years, always called him "Mr. Impellitteri" and also met him in a Houston St. restaurant.

He said he never met the Mayor "by appointment" and that the Houston St. meetings took place when the Mayor was City Council President. He said the Mayor called him, "Tommy Luchese."

(At City Hall, the Mayor said he never knew Luchese as "Three-Fingered Brown," but as a "reputable dress manufacturer.")

When Luchese said he was introduced to Judge Murphy by Chankalian, Proskauer interrupted to say that the "mere fact that the names Judge Murphy and others" are linked with Luchese is "no reflection on Murphy or any other reputable persons."

The transcript showed Luchese said he met Murphy four, five or six years ago and that "I last saw him when he was Police Commissioner at his house." He said he went there to congratulate Murphy but did not discuss the city's crime situation with the new commissioner.

Luchese went on to say that Murphy, accompanied by Mrs. Murphy, "was to my house once" for dinner. When he was asked how many times he met Mrs. Murphy, Proskauer interrupted to say, "let's go ahead with something else" and cut short further testimony dealing with Luchese's association with Murphy.

Later, Proskauer said Luchese's testimony covered 600 pages and the press was welcome to examine the entire 600 pages.

Luchese was asked if he ever contributed any money to Vito Marcantonio, former left-wing Congressman. He said he did offer Marcantonio money once but Marcantonio replied, "No, Tom, I have all the money I need."

He also said Chankalian intro-

duced him to Supreme Court Justice McNally and that once he dropped into McNally's house on a social call.

He said he "might have had a drink" with former Manhattan Borough President Hugo Rogers; that he knew Magistrate Ramsgate for about five or six years and also was acquainted "very well" with Magistrate Amedeo L. Lauritano, a former Assistant U.S. Attorney.

Neustein, who was succeeded in the 6th A.D. Tammany leadership by Sidney Moses, testified Costello was known as the "Boss" around Tammany. Neustein said he lost his leadership because he was told "the Boss didn't want me any longer."

Neustein said Neal, at that time, had the "last say" on Tammany appointments though Neal did not hold any official Tammany position.

"Who was the boss?" Proskauer asked.

"Presumably Frank Costello," Neustein replied.

He also said he knew that James Pemberton, Harlem district leader, received a job in a gambling house from Costello. He said Pemberton told him this.

Neustein testified that when he expressed a desire to go on the bench, Neal replied:

"Well, there's no reason why you can't if you pay for it like the other fellow. Your money is as good as his."

Another leader, Abe Rosenthal, of the 4th A. D., testified Costello attended a 1942 meeting at the Hotel Commodore at which Michael Kennedy was chosen Tammany boss.

Neal, the next witness, frankly told the Crime Commission it was "almost common knowledge in those days that nominations for the Supreme Court had to be paid for." Asked if he knew Costello and regarded him as an undesirable in politics, Neal said:

"I told him (Costello) to stay in his own line of business and that this was our business."

"Did you use the expression to Costello that he was a 'cheap punk'?" Matthews asked.

"Yes," Neal answered, and added that Costello showed "no reaction to being so described."

## Costello's Testimony

At this point, Harry F. Weisler, the Commission's senior assistant counsel, read testimony given in executive session by Costello. In it, Costello denied Neal ever called him a "cheap punk" and said:

"The fellow (Neal) is just a liar all over. It's just manufactured all over."

"Who's telling the truth?" asked Proskauer.

"I am," replied Neal emphatically, adding he and his wife once visited Costello at the latter's home, and also visited Costello at his Sands Point, L. I., estate.

Neal denied he ever took Cos-

with surveillance of Luchese's residence. A showed an automobile, registered in Chankalian's name, was seen on four occasions in 1951 at the Luchese home.

Chankalian then denied he brought Luchese to Federal Judge Thomas F. Meaney of Newark, N. J., for the purpose of discussing a criminal case in which a friend of Luchese was involved.

Switching his attack, Matthews asked Chankalian if he recalled a phone conversation with Luchese on Dec. 11, 1950. Chankalian said he did not. Matthews read a transcript of the purported conversation held at 6:25 p. m. that day.

The conversation, according to the transcript, was:

Chankalian: "I had a call from 'the Big Guy'."

Luchese: "Jersey?"

Chankalian: "No, the Boss."

Luchese: "The one we talked about this morning."

Chankalian: "Yes."

Luchese: "Yes?"

Chankalian: "The other guy called. The first knows something is wrong."

Luchese: "Fine. Then we will do as we agreed. We won't talk to him unless we are together."

Chankalian: "Maybe I'll drive out to see you."

Luchese: "Okay."

Matthews asked Chankalian if he remembered this conversation.

"I don't remember such a conversation," Chankalian answered.

Matthews asked who was "The Big Guy."

"I don't remember such a conversation," repeated Chankalian.

"Who was the boss?" pressed Matthews.

"I don't know," Chankalian replied. "It might have been my boss."

Asked what was meant by "Jersey," Chankalian again said he could not recall the conversation, then he complained:

"There is no proof that I called. Where was the call made from? Was it from my home or was it from his home?"

"The call was made by you to his home," said Matthews calmly, adding the call was registered at the receiver's end—INdependence 3-6567.

Chankalian protested there was no proof he made the call.

Asked if he was in the habit

"Did you take it up with Luchese?" Matthews asked. "Yes," said Chankalian. "I had introduced him to some of my friends and I felt I had an obligation to them."

He testified he asked Luchese why he did not tell him of the arrests and Luchese replied "that is all behind me," adding he had received a certificate of good conduct in 1950 from the State Parole Board.

"I told him, I'm sorry, I can't see you any more," Chankalian testified and added he did not see Luchese again except on one occasion and could not remember when that was.

At this point, Matthews produced a report supplied by Manhattan District Attorney Hogan.

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of making frequent calls to Luchese, Chankalian answered:

"No, sir, not frequent calls."

"Once a week?" suggested Matthews.

"Once a week—yes," Chankalian responded.

"Twice a week?" asked Matthews.

"Twice a week—yes," Chankalian replied.

"Sometimes oftener?" Matthews continued.

"No," replied Chankalian.

"This telephone conversation was made after the time you said you broke off relations with Luchese?" asked Matthews.

Chankalian said he only knew he broke off relationship with Luchese "around December."

Matthews said he was finished with Chankalian. The witness stood up and asked Proskauer for permission to make a statement, saying,

"You as Americans will appreciate what I have to say."

"If it is relevant—yes," Proskauer interrupted. "You may say something, but I am going to stop you if it is a stump speech!"

Chankalian replied his statement dealt with two prominent officials who "have been smeared."

"To whom are you referring?" Proskauer asked.

Chankalian said U. S. Attorney Myles J. Lane, his boss, and Federal Judge Thomas F. Murphy, ex Police Commissioner.

"There is not a single thing in our files or records that reflects in the slightest degree against either Mr. Lane or Judge Murphy," answered Proskauer, and Chankalian said, "I am glad to hear that," and

stepped down from the witness stand.

Chankalian was preceded on the witness stand by Joseph Amato, a Federal narcotics agent,

Amato, attached to the bureau here since 1941, said a number of persons arrested by agents had address books in which the name of "Tommy Brown" or Thomas Luchese appeared with a Flushing, Queens, address and phone number.

The books also contained the names of such notorious underworld characters as the slain Willie Moretti, Tony Brio, Joey Dio, Vincie Rao and Joe Stretch, alias Joseph Stracci, Amato said.

The hearings were adjourned until 10 a. m. Monday after Proskauer called for a "full investigation" of the judicial system in the state and the methods of selecting jurists. He said such a study would be recommended by the Commission.

290 Broadway  
New York 7, N. Y.

November 19, 1952

Mr. Myles J. Lane  
United States Attorney  
Southern District of New York  
New York 7, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Lane:

Reference is made to your letter, dated  
November 17, 1952, captioned "Special Grand Jury",  
your initials "JR", file M 61-1505.

It is suggested that you may desire to  
take the request contained in your communication up  
with the Department, inasmuch as when any investiga-  
tion which we are conducting is completed, the reports  
will be submitted to the Attorney General.

Very truly yours,

LELAND V. BOARDMAN  
Special Agent in Charge

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# CRIME BODY DROPS THREAT TO LUCHESE

Enters Stipulation That He  
Won't Be Called Again—He  
Ends Fight on Subpoena

The State Crime Commission decided yesterday that nothing would be gained by a further examination of Thomas (Three Finger Brown) Luchese and entered into a stipulation with his counsel that he would not be called again to testify either publicly or privately.

At the same time the commission freed Luchese from the threat of possible prosecution as a consequence of his failure to honor its subpoena, which called for his appearance last Friday as a witness at the public hearings of the commission.

In return, Louis D. Frohlich of the law firm of Schwartz & Frohlich, agreed to withdraw a motion to quash the subpoena and relieve Luchese from future private examination.

Meanwhile, United States marshals were attempting to serve Luchese, the reputed successor of Frank Costello as the underworld's liaison with politicians, in a Federal action that seeks to cancel his citizenship on the ground that he had concealed his complete criminal record when filing his application for naturalization.

Papers in the Federal suit, aimed at Luchese's eventual deportation to his native Sicily, were filed with the clerk of the United States District Court in Brooklyn late Monday night. The action, which was not expected to be begun formally until yesterday, came as the result of a directive issued Monday in Washington by Attorney General James P. McGranery to United States Attorney Frank J. Parker.

The whereabouts of Luchese were unknown yesterday. The last address he gave in the private examinations before the State Crime Commission was 106 Parsons Boulevard, Malba, Queens.

## Luchese Not in Court

Luchese was not required to be present, nor did he appear, in State Supreme Court for argument on the motion to vacate and quash the commission's subpoena. There was no argument, the stipulation being entered into in the chambers of Supreme Court Justice Felix C. Benvenge, who was not present but was advised of the agreement over the telephone.

The commission, deriving its subpoena power from the State Attorney General, was represented by Theodore Kiendl, special assistant to Attorney General Nathaniel L. Goldstein.

In his stipulation Mr. Kiendl said:

"Without waiving or in any wise prejudicing its contention that the subpoena served upon the petitioner requiring his attendance at the public hearing is in every respect lawful, the commission now finds that it will be unnecessary for its purposes to call upon the witness to testify.

"Consequently, it is stipulated that the commission will not subpoena the witness to testify at this or any other future hearing, public or private, and will not now, nor at any other time, take any steps to enforce compliance with the subpoena served, by contempt, prosecution for misdemeanor, or otherwise."

Justice Benvenge was expected to sign a short form order, in view of the stipulation, permitting the withdrawal of the motion.

In the motion papers Luchese's attorneys contended that the commission did not have the right to read his testimony, given in private but under oath, at the public hearings. No mention of this was made in the stipulation.

Luchese's private testimony, taken over the period from March 29, 1951, to Nov. 10, 1952, on seven different occasions, ran to 583 pages. Official stenographers worked in relays, most of the examinations consuming six hours at a sitting.

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#### Boiled Down to 47 Pages

This testimony, shot through with "I don't remember" and "can't recall" and outright refusal to answer pointed questions concerning personal finances, was boiled down to forty-seven pages and read in dramatic fashion by commission counsel at the public hearing last Friday.

Luchese did admit knowing, in varying degree, a vast number of public officials, including Mayor Impellitteri; United States Attorney Myles J. Lane of the Southern District; Armand Chankalian, Mr. Lane's administrative assistant and judges of the United States state and local courts, as well as a host of political leaders and gangland characters.

Former Supreme Court Justice Joseph M. Proskauer, chairman of the commission, said that the investigating agency had decided not to persevere in its efforts to examine Luchese publicly because he had been examined in private "quite fully."

The commission, Mr. Proskauer said, had "not the slightest doubt" of the validity of the subpoena but he added that if Luchese were placed on the witness stand at the hearings "he would probably be on half a day before we could get responsive answers."

In the Federal action, Mr. Parker said in his petition that Luchese had failed to disclose four arrests, two of them on murder charges subsequent to his conviction for grand larceny in Suffolk County on March 27, 1922. For this offense, the only conviction on his record, Luchese was sentenced at Riverhead, L. I., to three years and nine months imprisonment.

Concealment of the other arrests when he made his application for naturalization in Newark, N. J., in 1943, the petition said, constituted a false statement, which is a ground for cancellation of citizenship under the immigration laws. Luchese has sixty days after he is served to answer the petition.

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# U.S. Files Paper to Deprive Luchese Of His Citizenship

By GEORGE GRADY

A petition to revoke the citizenship of Tommy (Three-Finger Brown) Luchese was filed in Federal Court in Brooklyn yesterday almost at the same moment the State Crime Commission announced it has no intention of calling the underworld leader to testify at the present hearings or any future hearings.

U. S. Attorney Parker filed the petition on orders of Attorney General McGranery, charging Luchese with having obtained his citizenship "illegally and fraudulently." The petition said Luchese "was not a person of good moral character" when he was naturalized on Jan. 25, 1943. The move is preparatory to deportation proceedings.

Explaining the stipulation, a Crime Commission source said Luchese already had given over 600 pages of testimony in a closed hearing, and no more was needed.

In the denaturalization proceeding, three U. S. marshals sought to serve the papers on him at his home, 106 Parsons Bldg., Bayside, Queens, but he was out.

They said they would return today.

The six-page petition said the 51-year-old Luchese falsely told a Federal examiner in Newark that he had been arrested only once and convicted of auto-theft charges for which he served nearly three years. Actually, the petition said, Luchese was arrested on five other occasions.

The petition said Luchese was

twice arrested on homicide charges, once on a vagrancy complaint, once for investigation and once for allegedly receiving stolen goods. The government also accused Luchese of failing to give all the aliases under which he is known.

The Crime Commission said Luchese's testimony was no longer necessary since 600 pages of such testimony was taken during previous private sessions with Luchese.

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ARMAND CHANKALIAN;  
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO  
U. S. ATTORNEY, SDNY  
MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE;  
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING

In response to Bureau instruction that I talk with Judge IRVING SAYPOL concerning the article headlined "GAVE MC GRATH DATA ON CHANKALIAN AND PAL BROWN: SAYPOL", by WILLIAM HENDERSON and WILFRED ALEXANDER, which appeared in the New York Daily Mirror, 11/18/52, I did talk to Judge SAYPOL in the presence of ASAC [redacted] on 11/20/52.

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On handing the news article in question to Judge SAYPOL, he promptly responded, "Oh, yes, I am cognizant of that article and it is full of inaccuracies." He inquired as to what specific portions I might be particularly interested in and I stated that I was interested in what he had in mind with reference to the particular paragraph "This time, the report was turned over to the FBI by McGRATH, and SAYPOL said he understood that body has been investigating since." Judge SAYPOL stated that he not only had not made such a statement to any representative of the press, specifically WILLIAM HENDERSON, but that in fact, he has no knowledge that the Department at any time turned over any report or reports to the FBI pertaining to CHANKALIAN or for that matter, LUCHESE. SAYPOL stated that in the very brief conversation he had with HENDERSON, the FBI was not mentioned by Judge SAYPOL, nor was former Attorney General McGRATH'S name mentioned. Judge SAYPOL stated that he considered the story, when he first read it, as reflecting adversely against WILLIAM HENDERSON'S reportorial veracity and/or ability to accurately relate the factual information presented by SAYPOL. Judge SAYPOL stated that the extent of his conversation with HENDERSON was to the following effect:

HENDERSON inquired of SAYPOL, the day before the article appeared in the Daily Mirror, "Isn't it true that you conducted an investigation of CHANKALIAN during the time you were United States Attorney?" Judge SAYPOL responded "Yes, it is true." HENDERSON commented, "Well, tell me about it." Judge SAYPOL stated that the "data concerning any investigation conducted by me during my tenure

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as U. S. Attorney is a matter of record in the U. S. Attorney's office and the Department of Justice and I will make no official or unofficial comment concerning the content of this recorded data."

Judge SAYPOL stated, on several occasions, that in fact, he has never furnished any information to the FBI concerning CHANKALIAN or LUCHESE, nor has he any knowledge that the Department did or did not furnish any information to the FBI. He then, at some length, narrated his experiences with [redacted] who had been Assistant U. S. Attorney during the administration of Judge SAYPOL as United States Attorney, said experiences resulting in U. S. Attorney SAYPOL'S insisted removal of [redacted] from SAYPOL'S staff. Details are not gone into inasmuch as they do not appear to be pertinent or of interest to the Bureau.

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Judge SAYPOL dwelt at some length on his respect and admiration for the Director, officials of the FBI, and the Special Agents of the FBI. He further dwelt on his understanding that he enjoyed excellent relations with the FBI during his administration as United States Attorney and states that he assumes that this good relationship is still in full force and effect.

Judge SAYPOL stated that he assumed that we did not wish to have any statements retracted but in the event this matter needed clarification insofar as the press was concerned, the Bureau could feel free to quote him concerning the denials set forth above.

No further action is being taken on this matter UACB.

SAC, Miami

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THOMAS LUCHESE, was: Gaetano Lucchese,  
Thomas Luckese, Thomas Lucase,  
Thomas Lacase, Thomas Luschese,  
Tommy Brown, Fats Brown, "3 Finger Brown",  
"4 Finger Brown", Thomas Arra  
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Remy telephone call this date.

Enclosed find photograph of above subject.

The following is a description of subject:

Born	December 1, 1899
Birth Place	Palermo, Italy
Height	5' 4"
Weight	140 lbs.
Build	Medium
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Scars and Marks	Right index finger amputated

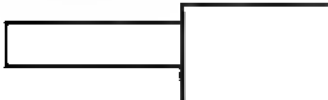


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LELAND V. BOARDMAN, SAC

THOMAS LUCHESE, WAS;  
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[redacted] Life Magazine, telephoned and stated that her magazine needed a photograph of the arrest of LUCHESE to complete her story going to press tomorrow. She wondered whether I could be of assistance in indicating whom she might contact for a possible photograph at the time LUCHESE was arrested.

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I told [redacted] I was making no comment concerning the matter, but when she pointed out she merely wanted to know from what source such a photograph might be secured, then I pointed out to her that according to the information in the newspapers, LUCHESE was not going to be arrested, but merely served with a summons and complaint in a civil matter. No arrest was involved and, therefore, there would be no detention, and presumably the summons and complaint in the civil process would merely call for the appearance of LUCHESE on a certain date for a civil hearing. [redacted] then realized that she had been in error in her original assumption and thanked me for the assistance.

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THOMAS LUCHESE, WAS;  
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At 12:10 PM, 11/20/52, I telephonically apprised Inspector [redacted] that Judge ABRUZZO had issued a court order, authorizing SA [redacted] to serve the summons and complaint. USA FRANK PARKER also advised that neither the FBI nor any U. S. Marshal could serve the summons and complaint outside the State of New York. Mr. PARKER further indicated that the law does not provide any possibility for the serving of any summons if LUCHESE is located out of the State of New York and that the only thing Mr. PARKER would be able to do, if we did locate LUCHESE outside the State of New York, would be to advise the Attorney General of the matter and await any opinion or action of the Attorney General.

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THOMAS LUCHESE, WAS;  
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With reference to the memorandum of SA [ ] 11/20/52, concerning conversations with U. S. Attorney FRANK PARKER, I talked with Inspector [ ] at 10:53 AM, 11/20/52, and pointed out to Inspector [ ] that there was one question not clearly resolved in my mind, namely, "If we do locate LUCHESE outside the State of New York, what then is the next legal step that can be taken?" Inspector [ ] stated he did not know the answer to that question. I, therefore, stated I felt we should contact U. S. Attorney FRANK PARKER on this matter. Inspector [ ] concurred and I instructed Agent [ ] to make immediate inquiries in this direction.

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During this conversation with Inspector [ ] he pointed out that existing instructions are that the Bureau not keep USA FRANK PARKER currently informed as to our progress re location of THOMAS LUCHESE; that prior to informing Mr. PARKER on this matter, we are to present the matter to the Bureau for authority to so do. [ ] pointed out that this instruction still stands and that if we do receive information indicating the possible location of LUCHESE outside the State of New York, we would, before discussing the matter with Mr. PARKER, first present the matter to the Bureau and secure clearance to discuss with PARKER.

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In discussing the investigative approach, it was agreed between Inspector [ ] and myself that the New York Office would assume complete charge of investigative inquiries to be handled outside the New York Division; that any leads to be handled by other field divisions would be furnished to those divisions telephonically by the New York Office; that in addition to the instructions to be given in said telephone contact, the auxiliary field office would be specifically informed that in the event their lead gives indication that LUCHESE is located within their division, they are to immediately notify the New York Office. The auxiliary office will not need to call the Bureau. It will be the responsibility of the New York Office to handle all calls to the Bureau. In this manner, it is felt that the New York Office would be completely apprised of all phases of this investigation and would assume responsibility for keeping the Bureau completely informed on the matter.

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LELAND V. BOARDMAN, SAC

THOMAS LUCHESE, WAS;  
MISCELLANEOUS

At 9:25 AM, 11/20/52, I telephonically contacted Assistant Director, A. ROSEN and read to him the article appearing in the New York Daily Mirror, 11/18/52 issue, written by WILLIAM HENDERSON and WILFRED ALEXANDER concerning certain statements attributed to former U. S. Attorney IRVING SAYPOL. Mr. ROSEN stated the article in my possession was identical with the article which he had before him and concerning which I was instructed to contact Judge SAYPOL to inquire as to what he had in mind.

With reference to our efforts to locate LUCHESE, I was transferred to Inspector [redacted] who inquired as to the status of our search for LUCHESE. I informed [redacted] that thus far we had not located LUCHESE. He then inquired as to the status of the subpoena. I then explained to him that an Agent was present in U. S. Attorney FRANK PARKER'S office for the purpose of picking up the subpoena sometime after 10 A.M., as soon as the court had changed the order permitting an Agent to serve the subpoena. [redacted] wanted to know certain details concerning the situation:

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(1) He wanted to know the content of the subpoena as soon as it was available.

(2) He wanted to know whether or not it was permissible to have several copies of it made to permit service by the particular Agent who might happen to locate LUCHESE that particular moment.

(3) He wanted to know whether or not Agents would be able to detain LUCHESE in any manner whatsoever.

I informed [redacted] that I would procure the answers and that he would be advised concerning the matter.

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I thereafter telephonically contacted Supervisor [redacted] and instructed him to ascertain the answers to these questions and advise Inspector [redacted]

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TO : SA [ ] (62-11148)

FROM : LELAND V. BOARDMAN, SAC

SUBJECT: ARMAND CHANKALIAN  
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO  
U. S. ATTORNEY, SDNY

DATE: 11/19/52

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At 5:15 PM, Inspector [ ] telephoned and advised the Attorney General has requested the FBI to locate LUCKESE in order to permit the U. S. Marshal to know where LUCKESE is so that thereafter the U. S. Marshal can immediately serve the subpoena on LUCKESE. Under no circumstances, are the Agents to arrest LUCKESE for the obvious reason we have no process outstanding for LUCKESE. We are permitted to make open inquiries for the purpose of locating LUCKESE. Obviously, if LUCKESE is out on the street moving, it will then be necessary to place a surveillance on LUCKESE in an effort to keep his whereabouts known until a radio car can notify the office, in turn notify the U. S. Marshal as to the whereabouts of LUCKESE so that the subpoena can forthwith be served. This will necessitate;

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(1) Immediate contact with the U. S. Marshal to insure that the U. S. Marshal will have a Deputy immediately available to serve the subpoena in the event we locate LUCKESE either during the daytime or night time, whatever the time might be.

(2) It will necessitate immediately getting in touch with U. S. Attorney FRANK PARKER for the purpose of inquiring of U. S. Attorney PARKER what information he may presently have in his possession that would help us locate LUCKESE.

I discussed with [ ] the question as to whether there was any reason why, if circumstances necessitated, we should not advise LUCKESE that we were endeavoring to locate him for the express purpose of notifying the U. S. Marshal of his location so that the Marshal could serve a subpoena. For example, in the event it is necessary for us to knock at the door of an apartment and inquire whether LUCKESE is present therein, if we are advised that LUCKESE is there, we will then talk to LUCKESE, verify that LUCKESE is present, and indicate the purpose of our visit, namely, we are endeavoring to locate him so that the U. S. Marshal can serve the subpoena. Under no circumstances are we to detain LUCKESE if he is not willing to wait for the U. S. Marshal to serve the subpoena. If LUCKESE goes some place we will present a problem for our endeavoring to maintain surveillance until such time as the U. S. Marshal is able to serve subpoena. We should avoid openly advising

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LUCKESE of our purpose if we are able to do so.

Upon locating LUCKESE, the Agents so locating will immediately notify this office so the Bureau can be advised. This office will then immediately notify the Bureau, the U. S. Attorney will, of course, notify the U. S. Marshal, who should forthwith be able to dispatch a Deputy Marshal for the purpose of serving the subpoena. Obviously, if we have a squad of Agents on the street looking for LUCKESE in night time, it will be necessary that the radio room will be in operation so there can be contact.

I desire that you, personally, closely supervise this matter and that you keep me immediately and fully informed on any developments.

# Luchese's Life, as Told by Him At Secret Crime Probe Session

Partner in 10 Businesses, Shook Hands With Ives  
and Dewey Without Their Recognizing Him

By Walter Arm

While a nation-wide search continued yesterday for Thomas Luchese, alias Three-Finger Brown, the latest underworld man of mystery was revealed as a person of varied business interests with an uncanny genius for meeting people in high places.

A reading of the 583 pages of testimony given by Luchese in eight secret sessions before the New York State Crime Commission showed that Luchese admitted partnerships in ten businesses ranging from millinery to sand and gravel; that he claimed to have shaken hands with Gov. Thomas E. Dewey and Sen. Irving M. Ives, without them being aware of his identity, and that he named his garment firm, Braunell Ltd., after Herbert Brownell Jr., political adviser to President-elect Eisenhower because he liked the name.

Forty-five pages of excerpts from Luchese's testimony were read into the public record at the second day of the open hearing Friday, Nov. 14. While they contained the most important and damaging portions of the Luchese story, the remaining 538 pages give a detailed and hitherto unrevealed picture of the man now being sought for deportation.

## His Other Companies

The testimony shows that Luchese had at one time or another owned shares in the following companies, besides Braunell, The Bob-Fran Blouse Company, named for his son, Robert, now a lieutenant in the Army Air Force and his daughter, Frances; the Grandview Construction Company; the Malba Park Development Company; Monica Modes, the Fordham Hoist Company, the Wawarsing Sand and Gravel Company, the Pilgrim Dress Company, the Ku Kris Kringle Company, manufacturer of Christmas ornaments, and the V and L Hat Company.

Besides this, Luchese also admitted that he had once been "solicitor manager" for the Interboro Window Cleaning Co. and explained his duties as follows: "Some of the men they had, they didn't produce in the nighttime... they didn't cleaned. People used to complain. Yerme Stern, he had that kind of trouble. So I says I would help him if he gives me a job. He said: 'Find that's what I need.' I used to go out and see that the men cleaned..."

The questioning by commission interrogators revealed Luchese as an illiterate and wordy witness with a convenient memory and a persecution complex. The pages are filled with "I don't recall" and refusals to answer, and the charge that "this is ruining my business."

## Boasts of His Charm

Luchese boasted time after time about his charm and said that even the late Col. David Marcus, former Commissioner of Correction, killed in Israel in 1948, "God rest his soul," tried to help him get a certificate of good conduct. He told H. Barton Farr Jr., assistant commission counsel: "After you knew me six months or a year you would also come out and say you would like to see me get it."

Luchese was confronted with at least 300 names ranging from all the well-known racketeers, to judges of the Supreme Court, Municipal Court and Magistrates Court. He was also asked about district leaders of both parties and about at least fifty politicians. Except for those whose names were brought out as his acquaintances last week, he denied knowing any of them. To all the questions his stock answer was:

"Am I supposed to know everybody?"

He added hotly: "For that matter, I met Thomas E. Dewey, too. That doesn't mean to say I know him. I met him at one of the dinners. Everybody was in line shaking hands with him. Corsi, I met a lot of people. Excuse me, I met a lot of people. I was shaking hands with Ives, Sen. Ives. Went to dinners and was shaking hands

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with everybody. Everybody introduced me, so what does it mean? "You could have went over and shaken hands. You just get any politician—and you can even find them in back of your door to get your vote. I mean, we're not babies, we know that."

#### Took Brownell's Name

Luchese seemingly lifted the name of Mr. Brownell out of the air when asked why he changed the name of the garment firm from Kaufman and Company. At first he said "Could be we wanted a trade name, that's all."

When asked if Braun was the Italian for Brown, he said: "See, you've got me confused . . . It just dawned on me. Who is Brownell in the Republican party? I thought that name was in the paper that day. I said there's a good name and that's what probably came out. We just picked the name . . . didn't mean nothing."

Luchese was first questioned briefly on Aug. 29, 1951 and then lengthily on Aug. 1, 1952 and in detailed sessions on Aug. 4, 5, 9, Sept. 30 and Nov. 10. The last questioning came three days before the public hearings opened.

At the second session he revealed one item that had puzzled the questioners—his name, he said, was pronounced "Lukalsy." He further explained: "You know somebody would start calling you cheese. If I go anywhere I try to spell it with a K. Like some people would say Halsey and they would change their name to Halley."

#### His Residences

He said that he had lived in E. 106th St. for years then had moved to E. 80th St. Later, he said, he lived in Palisades, N. J. His last address is 106 Parsons Boulevard, Maiba, Queens. He revealed he was a member of the Knights of Columbus and had a six-year-old Lincoln and a three-year-old Cadillac.

He admitted that he was questioned about the 1946 Election Day murder of Joseph R. Scottoriggio, Republican district captain, but explained: "Unfortunately because of my being that I come from Harlem."

He said he was too young for World War I and too old for World War II, but "Believe me if they take me now, I go, too, in a minute." He added that was why he sent his son through West Point . . . "to teach him Americanism."

He testified he ate in Benti-venga's Restaurant on E. Houston St., at least two or three times a week and said he sat down with "Whoever I find." He had previously testified that he met Mayor Vincent R. Impellitteri there many times but added: "He didn't know I had a record." He added bitterly: "I'm behind prison walls now—everybody is trying to hit me on the head."

#### 'Looking for Help'

He protested he knew nothing about the underworld, although knowing such characters as Frank Costello, the late Willie Moretti, and Jack Diagna, and said he was testifying willingly because "I am looking for you people to help me. I feel that you are fair enough if there was no crime that was committed that you should help people like me."

At his last questioning, by Judge Joseph M. Proskauer, chairman of the commission, Luchese said: "Bet your life I have troubles. Knowing nice people, that is the only trouble. If I would have stood fifteen, twenty years back where I first was raised, I would have been better off. To meet nice people, I am only in trouble."

His appearance on the witness stand was set for Nov. 14, the testimony shows. When he protested: "I have to go through the ordeal of newspapers, cameras and everything else?" Ben A. Matthews, chief counsel, said: "There won't be any cameras or television in the hearing room."

Luchese left, apparently satisfied, and refused the customary \$1 witness fee.

Director, FBI  
Attention: Assistant Director A. ROSEN  
SAC, New York (62-11115)

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Re telephone call, 11/20/52.

Per Bureau instructions, there are enclosed herewith two photostatic copies of each of the following:

(1) Complaint dated 11/17/52, by FRANK J. PARKER, USA, EDNY, together with summons dated 11/17/52, issued at District Court, EDNY.

(2) Affidavit dated 11/20/52, of USA, FRANK J. PARKER, EDNY, together with order dated 11/20/52 of USDC Judge MATTHEW T. ABRUZZO, EDNY.

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THOMAS LUCHESE, WAS;  
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At 9:15 AM, 11/21/52, I telephonically contacted Inspector [redacted] and pointed out to him that current existing Bureau instructions are that we personally serve summons and complaint on LUCHESE. I indicated that I felt that notwithstanding this personal instruction, we might want to inquire into the Federal rules of civil procedure relative to other means of service. I pointed out that I felt that the service could be left with some person other than LUCHESE; that if such were the case, we certainly would want to consider the feasibility of effecting such service, inasmuch as if it was a customary legal procedure, there being inability to effect personal service because of a lack of knowledge of the whereabouts of the person to be served, service was otherwise accomplished by leaving with a designated representative or in some legal manner, such situation should not be overlooked.

[redacted] stated he recognized that we could very readily be subjected to possible censure and would present this aspect of the situation for further consideration.

At 11:20 A.M., Inspector [redacted] telephoned to advise that the Bureau desires that "We wish to personally serve the subpoena on LUCHESE." [redacted] advised that [redacted]

[redacted] pointed out that notwithstanding this fact, we should not overlook having our Agents specifically alert to the possibility that LUCHESE has left the State of New York.

I told him this would be immediately brought to the attention of Special Agent [redacted] and I did present this matter to his attention. [redacted] instructed that six copies of the latest photograph we have on LUCHESE be immediately sent, marked for his personal attention, by routing slip. I instructed SA [redacted] to give this matter immediate attention.

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At 10:00 am this date the writer  
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[redacted] Tel [redacted]  
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[redacted] stated he had not  
heard from Tucker as yet. He stated  
that he did not expect him to  
be available before Nov. or Dec. next.  
[redacted] said that this statement  
was based on information that  
was "roughly" in "reality".

[redacted] stated his opinion is  
that Tucker was "killed" by the  
repression and "Museum" system. He said  
that Tucker is only a "good man" and  
that the "Museum" are crucifying him.

He stated that Tucker was "killed" on 11/1/52.

He stated that Tucker was "killed" that  
he was "resting" up for a year  
and that during the "Museum" time  
Tucker would go to the "Museum"  
and "killed" him.

[redacted] said he saw not Tucker  
is now at the "Museum" place.

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Called [redacted] 1:20 PM today.

During official arrangements that  
required [redacted] for the week-end  
[redacted] in name  
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[redacted] stated as a matter

of policy he would not disclose his  
name at home or his address.

Walter gave [redacted] name  
and phone number. [redacted]

stated he had both names both  
names [redacted] of office phone no.

stated that will advise [redacted]  
in writing as soon as he [redacted]

from [redacted] that he is [redacted]  
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# Couldn't Pin a Thing

## on Luchese—McGranery

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Thomas Luchese and his friend, Armand Chankanian, administrative assistant in the U. S. Attorney's office here, were under investigation for three months before their relationship was publicized at the State Crime Commission open hearings, U. S. Attorney General McGranery said today.

McGranery, in town for a luncheon of the Saints & Sinners Club, told reporters that the SCC disclosures revealed nothing that the Justice Dept. had not known.

He added that the investigation had uncovered "nothing criminal" about either man, and that the only basis for action against Luchese was the contemplated denaturalization proceedings, for which the FBI is now seeking him.

McGranery said the denaturalization case already had been prepared.

The Attorney General said he still was interested in Chankanian's part in the SCC disclosures, and that a complete transcript of the hearings is already under study by the Justice Dept.

McGranery termed "preposterous" reports that he was here to take command of the search for Luchese. Asked what he thought was behind Luchese disappearance, he replied:

"I can't conceive why any man would attempt to avoid service (of the subpoena). It's just ridicu-

lous." He added emphatically: "We'll have him."

Before he leaves the city, he said, he intends to talk with U. S. Attorney Parker in Brooklyn. He declined to tell what would be discussed but intimated that one topic would be Luchese.

"As long as we're here," he said, "we want to be brought up to date on everything."

Meanwhile, DA Hogan's staff began combing the SCC transcript for any illegal acts which lie within local jurisdiction. Hogan indicated he was interested in the alleged sale of judgeships and possible perjury of several witnesses.

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LUCHESE TODAY

He may not like his

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accumulated millions in Long Island real estate holdings.

He also quietly applied for—and got—his citizenship papers.

His old friend, Rep. Marconi, the former A.L.P. Congress-arranged for his son, Albert, now an Air Force lieutenant, to enter West Point. His

tended, even if he kept his nose out.

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LELAND V. BOARDMAN, SAC

THOMAS LUCHESE, was;  
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I telephonically contacted Inspector [redacted] at 10:20 A.M., 11/24/52, and informed him that the Agents had worked over the weekend in an effort to ascertain the whereabouts of LUCHESE, with negative results. In indicating the type leads covered, I pointed out, for example, Agents had talked with [redacted] in front of [redacted] on 11/23/52. [redacted] has been [redacted] of LUCHESE, and the Agents thought that possibly [redacted] might be able to provide information as to where [redacted] was, which in turn might lead us to LUCHESE. I pointed out to Inspector [redacted] that [redacted] had refused to furnish any information whatsoever. I told [redacted] that our Agents would continue to vigorously follow this investigation in an effort to locate LUCHESE.

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Re:

[Redacted]

Dear Sir:

In connection with an investigation being conducted  
by this Bureau, it is requested that you furnish this office  
with the following information on [Redacted]

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[Redacted]

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

*[Signature]*  
LELAND V. BOARDMAN  
Special Agent in Charge

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290 Broadway  
New York 7, New York

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Re:

[Redacted]

Dear Sir:


In connection with an investigation being conducted by this Bureau, it is requested that you furnish this office with the following information on [Redacted]

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[Redacted]

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

  
LELAND V. BOARDMAN  
Special Agent in Charge

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : File (62-11115)

DATE: 11/26/52

FROM : ASAC [ ]

SUBJECT: THOMAS LUCKESE, was.  
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[ ] of the Bureau called at 5:00 p.m. this date and said that at the Departmental Conference held on 11/11/52 [ ] said he contacted the U. S. Marshal's Office in the EDNY and asked him for an explanation as to why he did not serve LUCKESE when he received the call from the lawyer. The Marshal told him that he did not think he had any jurisdiction to serve a subpoena of this nature in the SDNY.

[ ] said that this explanation was unsatisfactory and in view of this Attorney General McGranery instructed Assistant Attorney General Murray to look into the legal aspects of serving LUCKESE by publication.

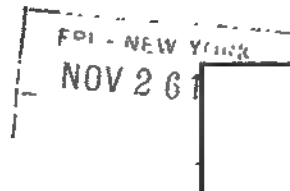
[ ] said that the Director had instructed that every effort be made by this Bureau to locate LUCKESE "at the earliest possible moment so resort would not have to be made to publication". [ ] instructed that every possible lead should be run out, that as much personnel as was necessary to cover the leads immediately be assigned, and that any other offices with leads, with the exception of Miami, be telephoned tonight and the Bureau's instructions be given to them.

[ ] said that LUCKESE must be found immediately and instructed that I call this to the attention of SAC Boardman as soon as possible.

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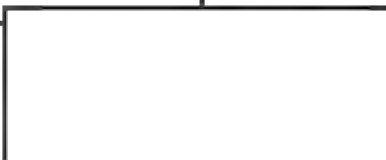
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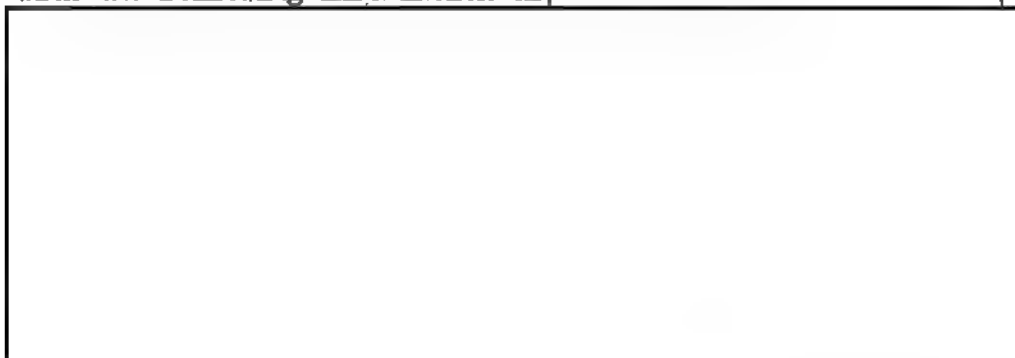


Re:



Dear Sir:

In connection with an investigation being conducted by this Bureau, it is requested that you furnish this office with the following information on 




Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

  
LELAND V. BOARDMAN

Special Agent in Charge

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Re:

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Dear Sir:

In connection with an investigation being conducted  
by this Bureau, it is requested that you furnish this office  
with the following information on [Redacted]

[Redacted]

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

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LELAND V. BOARDMAN  
Special Agent in Charge

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Office Memorandum UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : File (62-11115)

DATE: 11/26/52

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: THOMAS LUCKESE, was;  
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The following information which was furnished by USA Frank J. Parker, EDNY, is being made a matter of record for information purposes.

During a discussion with Mr. Parker concerning the issuance of the summons in instant case Mr. Parker advised that there is nothing in the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure bearing on the method of service of a summons <sup>ON THE</sup> ~~ON A~~ SUNDAY OR ON A HOLIDAY.

Mr. Parker stated, however, that New York State Penal Law 211.8 provides with reference to civil process that service on a Sunday is "absolutely void". Accordingly, Mr. Parker advised that in his opinion we should follow the State rule in this instance and not serve instant summons on a Sunday.

With reference to service on a holiday, Mr. Parker advised that he is unable to find any prohibition against service on a holiday in either the Federal rules or the State rules. Accordingly, he advised that it is his opinion that service of a summons on LUCKESE on a holiday would be valid and in the event the opportunity presents itself it should be effected.

It is noted further, as a matter of record, that Mr. Parker pointed out that under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure the summons may be served by any U. S. Marshal or his deputy or any other person specifically appointed by the Court. Mr. Parker explained with reference to instant summons having been issued in the name of an Agent, the Agent serving the summons would stand in the same position as any citizen appointed by the Court to make service. Mr. Parker pointed out that no police power or law enforcement authority accompanies the appointee designated to serve the summons.

Mr. Parker stated that under no circumstances would the server of the summons have the right or authority to detain, search, control, confine or otherwise interfere with LUCKESE. He stated that in the event LUCKESE when confronted admits identity and accepts service, no further action should be taken. He stated that in his opinion no effort should be made to verify LUCKESE's identity under these circumstances. Mr. Parker stated that in the event LUCKESE denied his identity or otherwise attempted to avoid service the controlling factor would be the reasonableness in the mind of the server that LUCKESE was the proper person to be served. In such instance, Mr. Parker explained the server should identify himself, advise LUCKESE that the document is a summons in connection with a proceedings to cancel his citizenship, after which the summons should be tendered. Mr. Parker stated that in the event that LUCKESE refused to accept the paper or to admit identity, the server should tap LUCKESE on the shoulder

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with the summons and let it fall to the ground. Mr. Parker emphasized that under no circumstances would the server be authorized to physically touch LUCKESE or otherwise interfere with his liberty.

# What Is Parole Board Hiding By Padlocking File on Luchese?

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By **ROBERT SPIVACK**

New York Post Correspondent

Albany, Nov. 26—Tommy (Three-Finger Brown) Luchese may be the most-talked-of man on Broadway and the No. 1 pin-up boy on the FBI wanted list, but at the State Division of Parole he is strictly top secret stuff.

The lid on Luchese has been clamped down tight by Gov. Dewey's new Parole Board Chairman, Alfred Loos.

Why Luchese is the subject of such loving care and so much protection from high state officials is one for mystery fans to figure out.

Is it because he has so many

friends highly placed in Republican councils? Or is it because the Parole Board is slightly red-faced at having granted a certificate of good conduct to the man now described as the new czar of the New York underworld and successor to Frank Costello?

Whatever the explanation, Loos is not one to shed any light on it. **How the Curtain Fell**

Until the elusive Three-Finger became involved, it was Parole Board custom to fill the press in on the background, habits and customs of well-known racketeers.

But for some unexplained reason that custom was abruptly and unceremoniously terminated by Loos. Possibly he was taking his cue from the State Crime

Commission, which suddenly became shy about Three-Finger Tommy last week and decided to grant him perpetual immunity from further questioning by its investigators.

This reporter was assigned to find out from the Parole Board all the factors leading up to issuance of Luchese's good con-

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duce certificate, including why and how he finally wangled it on April 18, 1950, after five years of fruitless effort.

## Play by Play

At 9:45 a. m. I went to Loos' office, identified myself and told Margaret Grogan, the chairman's pleasant secretary, the purpose of my visit. I asked to see the Luchese file. She advised me that Loos was at Great Meadows Prison, but would return in the early afternoon. Miss Grogan said it was against rules to show anyone except board employees the file, but that any questions I wish to put would be answered.

She suggested that, until the chairman returned, I might talk with Thorne Blaauboer, supervisor of the Good Conduct Bureau and chief of the Executive Division. He was at the library looking up some legal matters, and Miss Grogan suggested that I make myself comfortable until he returned.

Blaauboer saw me at 11:30. He seemed a bit ill at ease as our interview began. The reason soon became apparent when he acknowledged that he had handled the Luchese case.

Again I asked to see the file, and was told this was against the rules, even for agents of the SCC, FBI or other official bodies. I told him that I knew of persons who had examined the Luchese files. If anyone did so, he said, it was unauthorized or they had stolen the files.

It was not important for the present that I see the files, I said. If I could get the full information. He promised to answer any question.

"I don't want to be cagy," he started off and kept repeating the comment.

"I'm just a little shot. I'm not on the level," he stopped and laughed. "I'm not on the level of the persons you want to talk to."

Nevertheless we talked for several minutes and almost at the beginning the role of Sen. Wicks, the Senate GOP leader, came up. Luchese told the SCC in private hearings that it was only after Wicks was brought into the case by his attorney, Arthur H. Schwartz, that he got results on his application.

Blaauboer denied there had been any political influence. Who is Mr. X?

Q. (By reporter) Did Wicks ever call you?

A. (By Blaauboer) No.

Q. Did Wicks ever write you?

A. No.

Q. Did Wicks ever call anyone in the office?

A. Well, I can't say. I can't talk on that.

The next questions dealt with

whether Luchese had listed Wicks as one of his references. Blaauboer said he had not.

Blaauboer acknowledged that Armand Chankalian, administrative assistant in the U. S. Attorney's office, was one of Luchese's character references. He refused to say who the other was. "I can't recollect," he answered.

When it was suggested he look up the answer he said nothing for a moment.

At that point Miss Grogan came in to say that Loos would be in around 2 p.m. or shortly thereafter.

Blaauboer was then asked where the files were. "The files were here. I can't look them up. You'll be talking to the chairman."

I told Blaauboer, who was being helpful to this point, that I had no desire to involve him in the case if the chairman would answer these questions, but there were two other matters I wanted to ask about:

1. A report that a Chankalian letter was missing from the files.

2. Why Luchese's applications for the certificate had been turned down since 1945.

Blaauboer said he had no knowledge of the first point. He looked in a small card file on the second point. "It had not been turned down," he replied. "A decision was deferred."

Three times, it turned out.

I asked for the dates and Blaauboer called Miss Grogan to tell her that I was asking for specific information which he

felt the chairman ought to answer. We left the matter there, chatted of other cases.

At 1 p.m. I went to lunch and returned later to await Loos. He did not arrive until 4:45 p.m. and saw me 15 minutes later.

A bespectacled gentleman was sitting at another desk as I entered Loos' office. Loos asked to see some identification. I showed him my press card and told him I'd come to get details on the Luchese case.

This was our whole conversation:

"You know you had no appointment. I'm hard-pressed for time and beyond that no comment."

He got up from behind his desk and started to show me to the door. "I hope you know what you're saying," I replied.

"No comment," he answered. "I can't talk to a single newspaper about this."

I reminded him that he talked at length to another paper last week. "No comment," he repeated.

We were half way out of the office. I said he left no recourse but legal action to get the answers about Luchese. "No comment," he repeated, as if this had been rehearsed.

This time Loos' face was florid.

He started to say something, caught himself.

"Have you talked to the Governor about this case?"

"No comment."

Loos rang the elevator bell and saw that I was on board.

I turned to ask one last question but the elevator was already on its way down. Just for the record here it is:

What's the Parole Board trying to hide?

### 3 Leaders Demand Same Leniency Shown Luchese

Hundreds of longshoremen staged a sudden work stoppage at 8 a. m. today on major West Side piers in a mass protest against the State Crime Commission's hearings into waterfront rackets and violence which begin next Wednesday.

As the wildcat demonstration was slowing up the debarking of 5,200 passengers from four big inbound liners, three officers from the local, which staged the stoppage, defied the Crime Commission by refusing to answer questions.

They are Harold Bowers, organizer, and his cousin, "Mickey" Bowers, an ex-convict, and John Keefe, all from Local 824 of the AFL International Longshoremen's Association, which controls West Side piers from 42d to 57th sts., where the world's largest liners dock.

#### COPY LUCHESE TACTIC.

Their faces flushed with anger, the three emerged after spending only five minutes in the Crime Commission offices at 270 Broadway.

Their lawyer, Henry Lowenberg, announced he would seek a Supreme Court order to vacate the subpoenas for his three clients—the same step taken by Thomas "Three Finger Brown" Luchese, the missing underworld power.

"I demand the same rights for my clients as the Crime Commission gave Luchese," Lowenberg said. (The Crime Commission agreed to a stipulation excusing Luchese from appearing at all future private and public hearings.)

#### RYAN EXPLAINS STRIKE.

Another witness summoned for private questioning by the Crime Commission today was Eugene Sampson, business agent for ILA Local 781 and a brother of Mayor Impellitteri's patronage dispenser, Frank Sampson.

Sampson, who has clashed frequently with ILA President Joseph P. Ryan, said he had answered all questions in the 15-minute interrogation.

The Crime Commission announced in a formal statement that, in spite of the sudden work stoppage, it is issuing and would continue to issue such subpoenas as are deemed "necessary and desirable."

Union officials, notably ILA

President Ryan, said the men struck because they were incensed that the Crime Commission had subpoenaed hiring stevedores to appear today.

Ryan asserted the longshoremen would return to their posts as soon as the hiring stevedores finished answering their subpoenas, but no such assurance came from Harold and Mickey Bowers and Keefe.

The demonstration was timed to delay the debarking of thousands of passengers from these four trans-Atlantic ships—the American Export liner Independence; the United States Lines' United States; the Cunard liner Queen Elizabeth and the Italian liner Vulcania.

Passengers, including many internationally known figures, were forced to tote their own luggage ashore, with the help of clerks and ship personnel.

#### ANOTHER LOCAL QUILTS.

The 1,000 or more dockers, who participated in the stoppage, are chiefly members of Local 824, which is known as the "pistol" local and which is packed with convicted murderers, strong-arm men and other felons, according to the Crime Commission.

The local is headed by Patrick J. "Packy" Connolly, executive vice president of the Longshoremen's Association, who, according to a Crime Commission spokesman, was served with a subpoena as he was preparing to leave for Canada.

Another longshoremen's local, 795, was involved in today's demonstration. Members of the local refused to shape up for 9:15 a.m. call on Pier 32, at Desbrosses st., to work on the Moore-McCormick liner Argentina, which is due to sail Friday.

Al Ackalities, notorious waterfront racketeer, was also involved.

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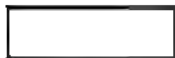
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THOMAS LUCHESE  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

There are forwarded herewith 6 copies of the private testimony of LUCHESE taken before the New York State Crime Commission.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU.....  
THOMAS LUCHESE, WAS., INFO CONCERNING. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY  
OF INVESTIGATION TO DATE. APPROXIMATELY ONE TWENTY  
THIS AREA COVERED TO DATE. MEMBERS OF LUCHESE'S FAMILY  
HOWEVER, VERY HOSTILE AND REFUSE TO FURNISH ANY INFORMATION.  
NOTORIOUS HOODLUMS THIS AREA CONTACTED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.  
SUBJECT LAST SEEN IN THIS AREA NOVEMBER FIFTEEN, LAST. SUBJECT(S)  
[REDACTED] ALSO MISSING FROM HOME SINCE THAT DATE.

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SUBJECT'S [REDACTED] ATTENDS [REDACTED] AND  
DID NOT [REDACTED] ON NOVEMBER EIGHTEEN, LAST. INVESTIGATION  
LOCATED [REDACTED] REFUSED  
TO FURNISH ANY INFO. INVESTIGATION REFLECTED THAT [REDACTED] IN  
COMPANY WITH [REDACTED] DURING EVENING NOVEMBER TWENTY  
TWO, LAST. MAIL COVERS PLACED ON [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SURVEILLANCES  
AND SPOT CHECKS BEING MADE AT [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] SURVEILLANCE ALSO BEING MAINTAINED ON RESIDENCE OF  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] LEADS OUTSTANDING IN BOSTON, MINNEAPOLIS, PHILADELPHIA,  
MIAMI, WHO HAVE BEEN TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THIS DATE TO SUBMIT TELLS  
TO BUREAU AND NY RE STATUS OF INVESTIGATION TO DATE. ALL OFFICES AGAIN  
ADVISED TO GIVE LEADS IMMEDIATE AND CONTINUOUS ATTENTION. ALL CRIMINAL  
INFORMANTS CONTACTED AND ALERTED IN THIS AREA.

[REDACTED] (#5)  
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Approved: 1-11 B [REDACTED]  
Special Agent in Charge

BOARDMAN  
Sent 3:12 PM

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Per [REDACTED]

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SAC, Boston

11/27/52

*Tm* SAC, New York

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THOMAS LUCKESE, was.  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Re telephone call 11/26/52. Enclosed find photograph of the subject as per your request.

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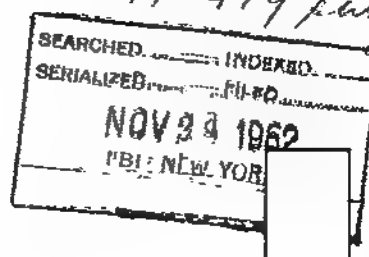
TO : FILE (62-11115)

FROM : SAC L. V. BOARDMAN

SUBJECT: THOMAS LUCHESE, was  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: 11/28/52

[redacted] (phonetic) of the Daily News came to this office 12:30 PM today and stated that his office had instructed that he procure a photograph of the Agent who served the summons and complaint on Luchese. [redacted] said of course he realized that my answer would probably be no but on instructions of his office he was making the request. I told him that it would not be possible to furnish him with a photograph of the Agent. I thereafter telephonically apprised Inspector [redacted] of the call and the answer that I had given the News, and [redacted] concurred.

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Director, FBI

11/28/52

*JH* SAC, New York (62-11115)

*W* THOMAS LUCHESE, was  
INFO CONCERNING

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau's information are two photostatic copies of the affidavit of service in the captioned matter executed 11/28/52 by SA(A) [redacted] at the request of AUSA [redacted] EDNY, pursuant to arrangements previously made with USA FRANK J. PARKER, EDNY.

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RE: Thomas LUCHESE  
was, et al.  
Info Concerning

11/29/52

The assignment of the writer was made on 11/20/52. The instructions rec'd from Sup'r [REDACTED] were to see USA Frank J. PARKER, EDNY at 10<sup>00</sup> AM to obtain a copy of the summons and complaint and to be designated by the District Court, EDNY, as the person authorized to serve the summons.

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This was done. The writer obtained the process, <sup>(ISSUED 11/17/52)</sup> received also a copy of Judge M.T. ABRUZZO's order <sup>OF 11/20/52</sup> based on Parker's affidavit, <sup>OF 11/20/52</sup> and had a lengthy discussion of the pertinent rules of Federal Civil Procedure. (USC T 28 Rule 4 (a), (c), (d), (f), (g) — also USC T 8, Sec. 738) Notes concerning these rules are available if needed.

Inasmuch as the writer was the only designated person who could serve LUCHESE other than a USM or Deputy USM, it was the writer's



strict responsibility to be available to serve the summons at any time of the day or night.

Accordingly the writer remained in the New York Office at all times during regular hours and also during overtime hours.

No leads outside the office were assigned to the writer.

In view of the fact that 11/23/52 was a Sunday and 11/27/52 was a holiday (Thanksgiving Day) a memo was prepared setting out Parker's official opinion concerning service of the summons on a Sunday or a holiday. This memo dated 11/26/52 is attached.

The writer contacted Tuckess's attorney, [redacted] Schwartz and Frohlich, [redacted] telephonically on 3 occasions — twice on 11/23/52 and once on 11/24/52.

The results of these three contacts with [redacted] are set forth on pages 3, 4 and 5 of the attached letter dated 11/28/52 (Proposed letter to Bureau 11/28/52)

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The writer served Fuchse with the summons on 11/28/52. The circumstances surrounding this service are set out ~~also~~ on pages 1, 2 and page 3 of the attached letter.

At 2<sup>15</sup> PM on 11/28/52 the writer executed an affidavit at EDNY at the request of AUSA

[redacted] This affidavit required by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure attested to the fact that service was effected on Fuchse by the writer.

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## DEPORTATION WRIT SERVED ON LUCHESE

Racketeer Awaits F. B. I. in  
His Lawyer's Office—Ricci,  
Gangster, Faces Ouster

By MEYER BERGER

Thomas Luchese (Three Finger Brown), New York underworld figure, voluntarily submitted yesterday to service of papers in Government deportation proceedings against him.

Luchese has sixty days in which to answer the Government charge that he failed to disclose his complete criminal record when he applied for citizenship in 1943.

A few hours after this surrender Attorney General James P. McGranery announced in Washington that his office had begun similar proceedings against Gaetano Ricci (Tony Goebel or Gobel) of Brooklyn.

Ricci is a former intimate of the late Al Capone and Frank Nitti of Chicago, of Joe Adonis, Frank Costello and Albert Anastasia. His police record shows seven arrests in the last thirty-seven years, but only one conviction, for assault.

Luchese's surrender took place in the offices of his lawyer, Louis D. Frohlich, at 19 East Seventieth Street at 10:30 A. M.

Three men from the Federal Bureau of Investigation walked into the offices by arrangement. They went up to the mild-looking little man who was first openly denounced by Council President Rudolph Halley last February as successor to Costello.

"You Mr. Luchese?" one of the agents asked.

"Yes, I am,"

"We have some papers for you," the F. B. I. man said. He offered them, and Luchese meekly took them.

"Now, we have to ask you a few questions," the F. B. I. man said. "It's up to you whether you an-

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## DEPORTATION WRIT SERVED ON LUCHESE

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swer or not—where have you been?"

The Government complaint against Luchese was filed about ten days, and Mr. McGranery has insisted Luchese was a fugitive.

"Where I've been?" said Luchese. "I'd rather not answer that." And he didn't.

After the agents left, Mr. Frohlich issued over Luchese's signature a lengthy legalistically worded statement that seemed quite out of character for the underworld boss who seldom tries more than one syllable at a time.

The document told how a deputy United States marshal based in the Eastern District (Brooklyn) had telephoned to Mr. Frohlich's offices on Nov. 18 to announce he had papers to serve in denaturalization proceedings against Luchese, and that he would prefer to serve them in Brooklyn.

Says Marshal Sought Publicity

"His refusal to serve me [in Manhattan] was motivated by another consideration as events later proved," said the Luchese statement. "The deputy marshal said that he would serve me in the Eastern District come hell or high water."

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announced that a search for me had been instituted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in forty-eight states. This was a preposterous statement because this being only service of process in a civil proceedings for denaturalization, I could not be served under Federal law in any state except the State of New York."

Maintaining the legalistic terminology the statement went on.

"I was and am ready to accept service of any process at my attorney's office but I have no intention of providing a Roman holiday or spectacle for the edification of lesser official functionaries."

Anyway, service in Mr. Frohlich's office was worked out and the agents came on time.

#### Promises to Tell Whole Story

"I am not under indictment," said the document signed by Luchese, "have committed no crime, and at the proper time and place I shall tell the whole story of the persecution which initiated in the brains of certain political adventurers who set out to destroy me."

The "political adventurers" were not identified. Later, though, Mr. Frohlich said that Luchese blamed Mr. Halley for his current plight. He quoted his client as saying, "Halley sold the Crime Commission a bill of goods."

In October Mr. Halley had called Luchese the man who had succeeded Costello as "the political power of the organized crime syndicate" in New York.

The Government complaint against Ricci, which probably will be filed here on Monday, maintains that he obtained naturalization in 1944 by fraudulent representations as to his residence and as to his gambling activities prior to obtaining citizenship.

Ricci, the quiet type, was born in Viesti on the Adriatic in Italy on Jan. 1, 1893, was brought to the United States aboard the Trojan Prince in 1898. He spent a lot of time around Mulberry and Mott Streets in Manhattan and lived a while in Hot Springs, Ark., with other underworld characters.

He was questioned in mid-April, 1951, with Costello and Adonis, about the murder of Philip Mangano, a waterfront figure whose body was found on the Breezy Beach flats. All three denied knowledge of this killing and were released without booking.

"From later events which transpired on that day it became apparent that the purpose of insisting upon service in the Eastern District was to afford publicity and notoriety to functionaries of the United States Marshal's office in the Eastern District of New York."

In the same literary vein the statement told of television equipment pulling up to the Luchese home in Malba, Queens, on Nov. 18 to record a fictional serving of denaturalization papers, with two deputy marshals as actors.

"It was quite a spectacle," said the statement, "staged by the marshal and his deputies for the sole purpose of obtaining a lot of cheap publicity."

The utterance attributed to Luchese, butlerly denounced news headlines that told of a "manhunt" for him on the very day that he was in his attorney's office.

Actually, the statement said, Mr. Frohlich talked with F. B. I. men in his office on Nov. 20 and told them that Luchese had been there the preceding day and that he was in touch with the office.

"Thereupon," said the Luchese statement, "the newspapers an-

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TO : SAC

DATE: 12/1/52

FROM : SA [REDACTED] (62-11115)

SUBJECT: THOMAS LUCKESE, was.  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 11/24/52 I advised Inspector [REDACTED] of the Bureau that we were maintaining a discreet spot surveillance [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] agreed that it was allright to maintain a spot surveillance on these premises but to be sure that it was extremely discreet.

[REDACTED] further advised that we were to be sure to send out all leads to other offices by telephone and to keep the Bureau advised of all pertinent developments.

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MR. BOARDMAN  
MR. WHELAN  
MR. HARBOY  
MR. CANNAN  
MR. TAYLOR

TO : FILE (62-11115)  
FROM : SAC L. V. BOARDMAN  
SUBJECT: THOMAS LUCHESE, was  
Information Concerning

DATE: 12/1/52

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Inspector [ ] telephoned me 4:09 PM 12/1/52 and indicated that in the Daily Mirror issue for 11/29/52 it was stated that two Agents accompanied by AUSA [ ] proceeded to [ ] office and served the summons and complaint on Luchese. [ ] inquired as to whether AUSA [ ] had accompanied our Agents to the attorney's office and I advised that he had not. Inspector [ ] then wanted to know whether or not AUSA [ ] was present in [ ] office during the period of time that Agents served the summons and complaint. I told [ ] that I was certain that he had not and then checked on the dictograph with Supervisor [ ] who in turn asked SA [ ] this question. I advised Inspector [ ] that AUSA [ ] had not been in [ ] office at any time while our Agents were there serving the summons and complaint.

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United States Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington 25, D. C.

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO  
FILE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

December 1, 1952

Mr. L. V. Boardman  
Special Agent in Charge  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
290 Broadway  
New York 7, New York

## Personal Attention

Dear Mr. Boardman:

The Bureau has carefully analyzed the handling of the investigation to locate Thomas Luchese by your office as reflected in your memorandum of November 29, 1952. While considerable effort was expended and rapid attention given to the coverage of leads in this case, the fact remains that your office failed to locate Luchese.

Your office has been successful in developing informants who have supplied information concerning Bureau violations and who have been able to give some information concerning gang activity and operations of the underworld in general. However, there has been a failure on the part of Agents in your division to develop the type of coverage in the underworld that could be utilized to provide you with specific information concerning the so-called top underworld figures. The Luchese case was a situation in which an informant familiar with the activities of these notorious characters could have been utilized.

It is your responsibility to see that this type of coverage is secured and maintained. I want to be advised what steps you propose to take in order to cope with situations of this nature in the future.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director 94

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conclusions and see no later  
than 12-5-52 so letter can be written to  
Bureau on 12-5-52 B.

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290 Broadway  
New York 7, New York

December 1, 1952

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Re:

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter dated November 26, 1952,

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

  
LELAND V. BOARDMAN  
Special Agent in Charge

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290 Broadway  
New York 7, New York

December 1, 1952

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Re: [Redacted]

My dear [Redacted]

Reference is made to my letter dated November 26, 1952,

[Redacted]

[Redacted] Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

*LVM*

LELAND V. BOARDMAN  
Special Agent in Charge

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290 Broadway  
New York 7, New York

December 1, 1952

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Re: [redacted]

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter dated November 26, 1952,

[redacted]  
[redacted] Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

*L. Boardman*  
LELAND V. BOARDMAN  
Special Agent in Charge

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290 Broadway  
New York 7, New York

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December 1, 1952

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Re: [Redacted]

My dear [Redacted]

Reference is made to my letter dated November 26, 1952,

[Redacted]

[Redacted] Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

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LELAND V. BOARDMAN  
Special Agent in Charge

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Efforts to locate THOMAS LUCHESE in New Jersey unproductive.

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**DETAILS:**

Investigation in this matter was conducted by the following Special Agents:

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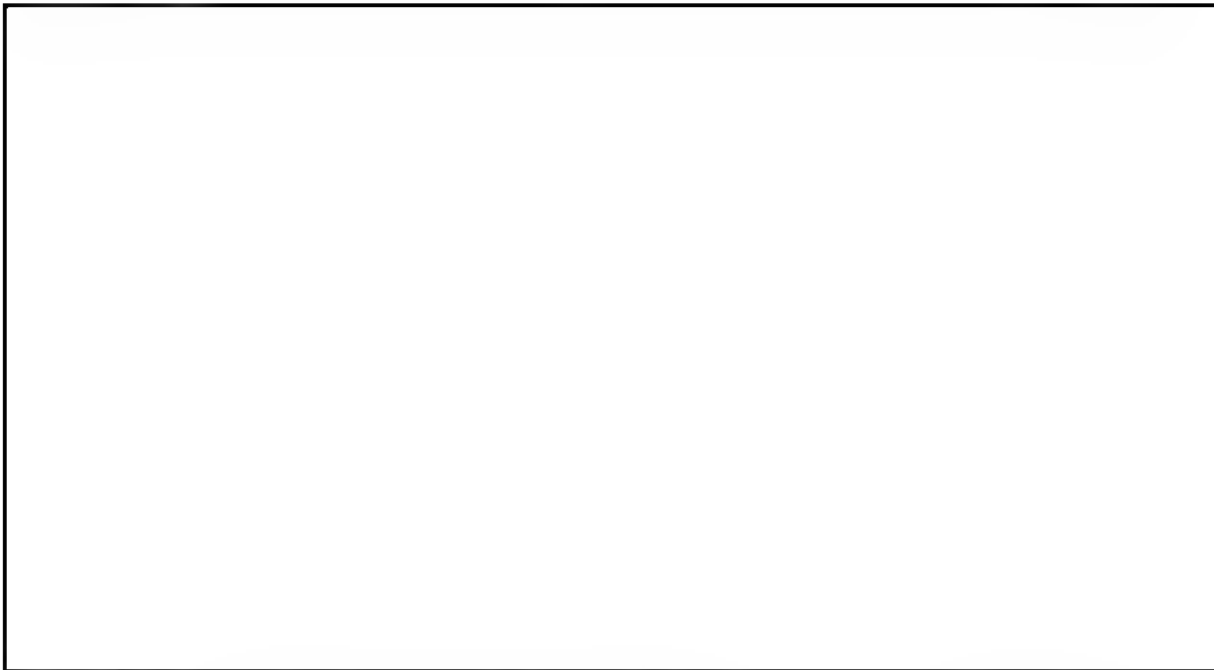
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[redacted] individuals in the State of New Jersey who conceivably might have possessed information [redacted] were contacted and the results were unproductive.

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The  individuals listed in the body of this report as having been contacted unproductively are Potential Criminal Informants of the Newark Office.

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REFERENCE

Telephone call from the New York Office dated 11/20/52.

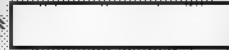


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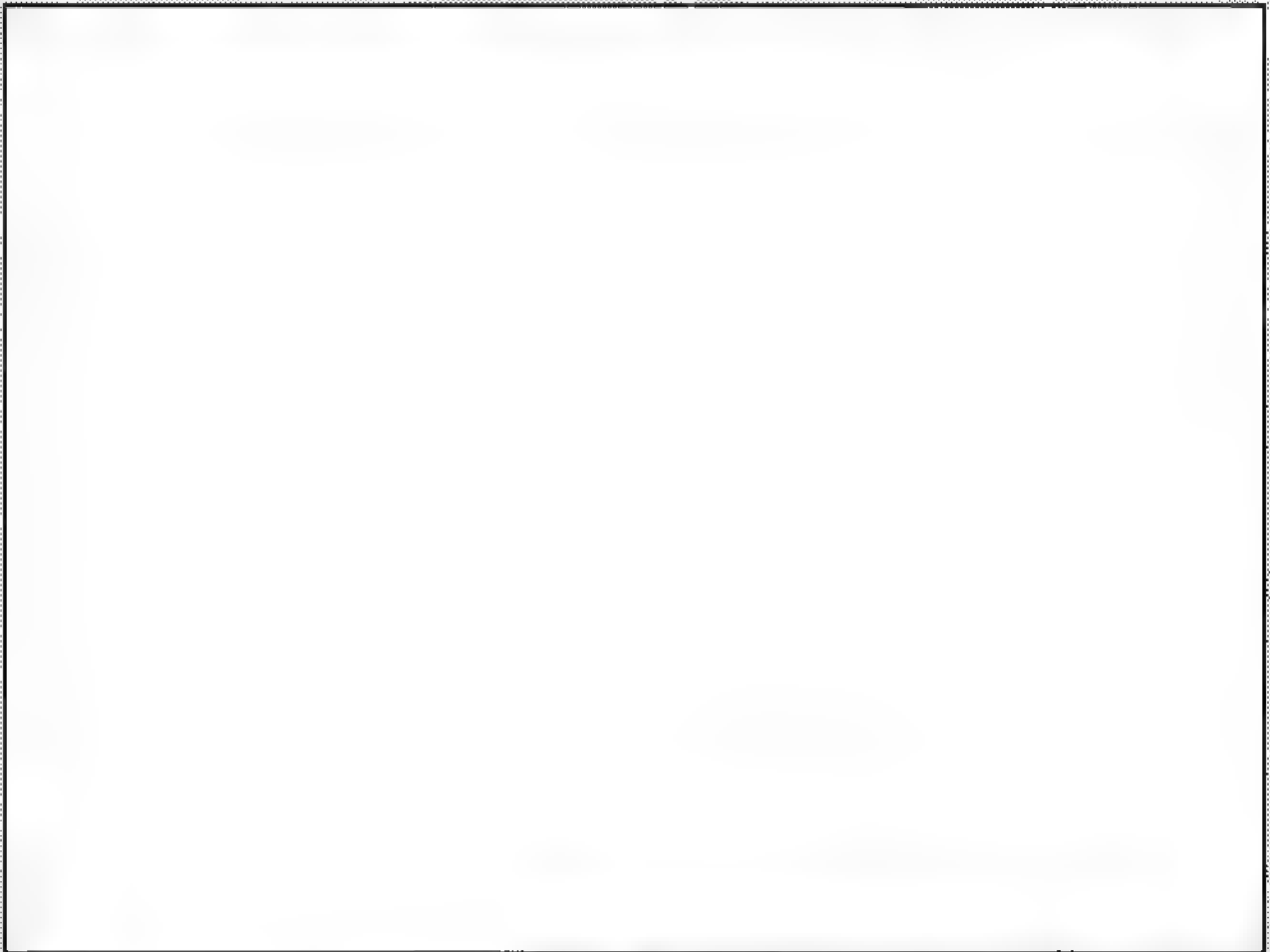
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December 5, 1952

SAC, New York (62-11115)

INFORMANT COVERAGE CONCERNING  
SO-CALLED TOP UNDERWORLD FIGURES;  
CRIMINAL INFORMANT PROGRAM

Rebulet December 1, 1952 concerning efforts of the New York office to locate THOMAS LUCHESE. This letter indicates there has been a failure on the part of New York Agents to develop the type of informants in the underworld that could be utilized to provide specific information concerning the so-called top underworld figures and indicated that the Luchese case was a situation in which an informant familiar with the activities of these notorious characters could have been utilized. Relet requests advice as to what steps the NYO proposes to take in order to cope with situations of this nature in the future.

In order to survey the situation now existent in the NYO as to whether or not the present informants are capable of furnishing information concerning top underworld figures and/or know top underworld figures, each regular informant of the New York Division was specifically requested to name those top underworld figures known to him or available to him through coverage of lieutenants or close associates.

The following is the present informant coverage on the so-called top underworld figures:

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] It is recognized, of course, that this type of coverage cannot ever be completely adequate, in which connection it will be our continued goal to achieve the maximum possible coverage concerning this phase of the program in order that the NYO may cope with situations of the nature indicated in Bulet of 12/1/52 in the future.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

DATE: 12/5/52

FROM : SA [ ] (62-11115)

SUBJECT: THOMAS LUCHESE  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

At approximately 4:30 p.m. this date SA [ ] telephonically advised the writer that he was in the U. S. Court House, Foley Square and had ascertained that [ ] the Grand Jury, SDNY, [ ]

This information was immediately given to ASAC [ ] who informed SAC Boardman and then advised the Bureau.

At approximately 4:45 p.m. SA [ ] telephonically advised the writer that he had obtained the above story from AUSAS in the SDNY and that

SA [ ] advised that he had received the above information from some of the AUSAS, that he has not contacted [ ] nor does he deem it advisable to do so. SA [ ] advised that he understood that [ ] He was advised by the writer that it was deemed inadvisable to contact them at this time.

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TO : FILE

DATE: 12/5/52

FROM : ASAC [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: THOMAS LUCHESE

At 4:40 pm I called [REDACTED] at the Bureau and advised him that we had just received information that

[REDACTED]

I told [REDACTED] we would advise him of the details as soon as we could get them. The above is just fragmentary information.

[REDACTED] follow this  
 & keep Bureau advised  
 of pertinent developments  
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MR. BOARDMAN
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MR. HARGETT
MR. MacLENNAN
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TO : SAC, New York

DATE: 12/8/52

FROM : SA [REDACTED] (62-11115)

SUBJECT: THOMAS LUCKESE  
INFO CONCERNINGAt 5:25 p.m. this date SA [REDACTED] advised that he had  
ascertained from the Assistant USA that [REDACTED]b6  
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b7CAt 6<sup>05</sup> PM 12/8/52. Mr. [REDACTED]b6  
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# White Reports Lane-Luchese Tie

By FREDERICK WOLTMAN,  
Staff Writer.

U.S. Attorney Myles J. Lane's past relations with Thomas (Three-Finger Brown) Luchese were the subject of reports by George White, ace narcotics agent, to his then boss, Newbold Morris, when the latter headed President Truman's ill-fated federal corruption probe last March.

This came to light today as a dormant Lane-White feud exploded violently Friday with the brief imprisonment of the federal narcotics official on a contempt citation pressed by the U.S. Attorney.

The White reports, it was further learned, disclosed that as long as 19 months ago Irving H. Saypol, then U.S. Attorney, investigated rumors that Luchese had connections in his office. Mr. Saypol, now a Supreme Court justice, sent a report to the Justice Department with particular reference to Mr. Lane, then his chief of the criminal division; Amadeo Lauritano, another assistant, and Armand Chankalian, his administrative assistant.

## Lauritano Transferred.

As a result of his findings, the reports showed, Mr. Saypol transferred Mr. Lauritano, a close friend of Luchese, to the anti-trust division. Shortly thereafter Mr. Lauritano resigned to accept a magistracy from Mayor Impelleri.

In his reports Mr. White urged his chief, Mr. Morris, who was then special assistant to the Attorney General, to ask the Justice Department for the files on Mr. Saypol's investigation of his three aids. Mr. Morris was just about to transmit the request when he was fired on April 3 and the corruption inquiry collapsed.

It was only after the State Crime Commission brought the matter to light last month that Attorney General James P. McGranery moved publicly. The FBI, however, is reported to have been conducting its own investigation since the basis of the White reports.

## Murphy as Host.

Included in the reports were the 1949 and 1950 seating lists of Friendly Sons of St. Patrick dinners at the Hotel Astor. Among the guests listed at the table with Luchese was Assistant Attorney General James M. McInerney, then chief of the criminal division of the Attorney General's office.

Thomas F. Murphy, then an assistant U.S. Attorney here, later Police Commissioner and now a federal judge.

Eight months after the White reports were turned over to the Justice Department the State Crime Commission on Nov. 15 read Luchese's private testimony into the record.

The racket leader, it showed,

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# White Linked Lane, Luchese In U.S. Probe

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had testified that he knew Mr. Lane three or four years following an introduction by Mr. Chankalian.

(Mr. Lane maintained that Luchese was introduced to him as a businessman with a son at West Point; and that he was totally unaware of Luchese's earlier criminal record or other activities.)

#### Trip to West Point.

Luchese testified that on one occasion he drove with Mr. Lane to West Point, where his son was a cadet, and they saw a football game.

Luchese was questioned in the private hearing about meeting Messrs. Chankalian and Lane in Washington on Sept. 14, 1951. Mr. Lane said the meeting was purely accidental. He had gone there en route to Texas to visit his son, who was ill.

Learning that Mr. Lane had difficulty finding hotel accommodations, Luchese related, he offered to give up one room of a suite he had at the Hotel Mayflower. The suite was broken up, he testified, and Mr. Lane registered there separately on Sept. 14 and 15.

#### Now a Supervisor.

After the Morris corruption inquiry was scuttled on April 3 Mr. White, who had been on loan as chief investigator, returned to the Bureau of Narcotics, where he is now supervisor of the New England district.

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On May 19, however, ~~he~~ ~~talked~~ ~~in~~ U.S. Attorney Lane and questioned for nearly three hours about his reports to Mr. Morris. Immediately thereafter Mr. White made a complete report of the interview to Mr. Morris and to City Council President Rudolph Halley, with whom he had served as investigator while the latter was counsel to the Kefauver Senate Crime Committee.

The narcotics expert reported that the U.S. Attorney had demanded that he substantiate "charges" he'd made in the reports or retract them. Mr. White said he maintained that he had simply recommended further investigation by the corruption and jury in Washington. He gave Mr. Lane an affidavit that he had no "evidence" of any "wrong-doing" or "fix" involving anyone in Mr. Lane's office.

Ordered to Answer.

The hard feeling between the two continued until Friday. Then, a witness before the special narcotics grand jury investigating Luchese, Mr. White flatly refused to reveal the name of one of his confidential informers against Luchese so long as Mr. Lane or any of his assistants were present.

The witness insisted he would not, on his own responsibility, risk having the informer's "identity let out" and, thus, subject the latter to reprisal and possible death. Twice Mr. Lane took him before Federal Judge David M. Weinstein, who ordered the wit-

ness to answer the question.

Adamant, Mr. White was ordered remanded indefinitely by the judge to the custody of the U.S. Marshal until he purge himself of contempt. Finally, on direction of his superiors in Washington, the narcotics supervisor agreed to name the informer. He was released.

He will not be cleared of the contempt citation, however, until he complies before the grand jury when it reconvenes today.



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TO : SAC, New York

DATE: 12/9/52

FROM : SA [REDACTED] (62-11115)

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Re my memo 12/9/52 setting forth a telephone conversation from the Bureau requesting the answers to four questions.

In answer to question #1, [REDACTED]

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In answer to question #2, [REDACTED]

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TO : SAC, New York

DATE: 12/9/52

FROM : SA [REDACTED] (62-11115)

SUBJECT: THOMAS LUCHESE  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

At 10:44 a.m. this date [REDACTED] called from the Bureau with respect to some questions that had arisen. The questions as proposed by [REDACTED] were:

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TO : SAC, New York

DATE: 12/9/52

FROM : SA [REDACTED] (62-11115)

SUBJECT: THOMAS LUCKESE  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

At approximately 10:15 a.m. this date ASAC [REDACTED] advised the writer that he had received a telephone call from [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The above information was given to [REDACTED] at the Bureau at 10:20 a.m. who requested that we ascertain as quickly as possible about [REDACTED] and advise the Bureau.

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TO: FILE (62-11115)

FROM: ASAC [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: THOMAS LUGNERS, NAB;  
MISCELLANEOUS

DATE: 12/9/52

On 12/9/52, I received a call from [REDACTED]

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I advised [REDACTED] this matter would be appropriately handled.

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*The individual was that the grand*

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# Luchese Jury Told It Need Not Work With Lane

Before Charge, Judge Frees  
U. S. Narcotics Official of  
Contempt in Lane Clash

By Walter Arm

The Federal Rackets Grand Jury investigating the activities of Thomas Luchese, alias Three-finger Brown, was told yesterday that it could forego the guidance of United States Attorney Myles J. Lane if it felt like it and operate on its own.

The advice was given by Judge David N. Edelstein in United States District Court after he absolved Col. George H. White, New England Supervisor of the Narcotics Bureau, of a contempt citation. Col. White had refused on Friday to answer questions with Mr. Lane in the grand jury room, but later changed his mind and purged himself yesterday by testifying.

"Although the bulk of a grand jury's work is guided by the United States Attorney," Judge Edelstein told the grand jurors, "You are not necessarily confined to his guidance."

"Absolutely Secret"

"You can investigate any matters which come to your attention . . . and subpoena witnesses on your own. You can come to the court for any further advice."

The grand jurors left after the unusual charge, without disclosing how they felt. Judge Edelstein had emphasized that their investigation was to be kept "absolutely secret."

Col. White had investigated the activities of Luchese for a year and, along with the New York State Crime Commission, learned that Luchese had met Mr. Lane through Armand Chankalian, administrative assistant in Mr. Lane's office. The grand jury investigation of Luchese was ordered by Mr. Lane after that information was made public at recent open hearings of the commission.

Col. White had named Luchese as active in the narcotics racket in New York but balked when he was asked for the names of his informants. His refusal to testify in the presence of Mr. Lane or any of his assistants brought the contempt citation against him Friday.

## Question Is Changed

He testified for an hour yesterday before the grand jury, with Mr. Lane in the room, but was not asked precisely the same question he had refused to answer on Friday. Instead, both he and Mr. Lane said, "an arrangement" was worked out by which the names would be "supplied" to the grand jury.

After he was cleared, Col. White held an odd sort of press conference with Mr. Lane in the latter's office. Both men maintained a cordiality on the surface but sat at opposite ends of the conference table and never addressed each other directly.

Mr. Lane said Col. White had "co-operated 100 per cent" and added: "Perhaps this whole thing has been a misunderstanding. We're both working towards the same objective."

"No Fault to Find"

Col. White said: "Everything is completely satisfactory to me . . . I have no fault to find with the solution arrived at. . . Everything was fair and equitable and I also told the grand jurors that my refusal to testify in Mr. Lane's

presence was not intended to imply that I had any evidence whatsoever of my own knowledge that Mr. Lane in particular or any member of his staff in general were guilty of anything . . . I have no personal grudge or ill feeling against Mr. Lane or his staff."

Mr. Lane said that the grand jury has heard five witnesses so far. He said that Luchese had not been called as yet and added, "We'll have to await developments."

He said Mr. Chankalian would be called "if any evidence points to him—and so will anyone else. What I want to do is let the chips lie where they fall."

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TO : SAC, New York

DATE: 12/16/52

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: THOMAS LUCHESE

Re letter dated 12/11/52 to NYO from USA Myles J. Lane concerning allegations that [REDACTED] furnished information to Agents of the NYO re LUCHESE.

On 6/12/52 [REDACTED] Supervising Narcotics Agent, Boston, advised the FBI's Boston Office that he had received allegations from an informant [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Arrangements were made through [REDACTED] culminating in an interview of [REDACTED] informant on 6/14/52 at [REDACTED] apartment. [REDACTED] the interview being conducted by SAS [REDACTED]

The informant, who was [REDACTED] came to [REDACTED] apartment but by previous arrangements with [REDACTED] had requested that he not be identified to the Agents and be introduced under an assumed name. [REDACTED] The interview was conducted partly in the presence of [REDACTED] although he was not present in the room at all times. Informant was recognized by SA [REDACTED] as being [REDACTED]

Subsequent to the initial interview, [REDACTED]

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TO : SAC, New York

DATE: 12/31/52

FROM : SA [REDACTED] (62-<sup>1115</sup>33418)

SUBJECT: THOMAS LUCHESE

Supervisor [REDACTED] of the Bureau called this date regarding

[REDACTED]

Supervisor [REDACTED] was telephonically furnished with the above information obtained by SA [REDACTED]. He stated that the NYO should make the necessary arrangements to [REDACTED] make two photostatic copies thereof and forward them to the Bureau. [REDACTED] agreed that this [REDACTED] would not be reviewed by the NYO immediately but that this office would concentrate on the [REDACTED] photostating them and transmitting them to the Bureau.

SA [REDACTED] was advised of the above request of [REDACTED]

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RE: THOMAS LUCHESE  
NY 62-11115

AT LIDO BEACH, LONG ISLAND, N.Y.

LUCHESE has a summer home at 74 Royatt Street which is a modern well built ranch home estimated to be worth about \$60,000.

A spot surveillance was maintained on this residence from Nov. 20th through November 28th and a surveillance was kept on November 27th. with negative results.

On Saturday Nov. 22 writer interviewed [redacted] at above residence from about 2.45 PM to 2.55PM. He is a [redacted] and could furnish no information regard the whereabouts of [redacted] or any member of the family. He was driving a [redacted] bearing N Y License [redacted]. He stated that he had just arrived from [redacted]. Writer saw him arrive and it was noted he left shortly after the interview.

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The following were contacted in the neighborhood and where noted they agreed to contact writer at home day or night if a light seen at above residence.

[redacted] personal acquaintance of writer. They advised above home finished 10/1/51 and only occupied during the summer of 1952. Could furnish nothing on whereabouts but would call if anything seen.

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[redacted] could furnish nothing. He agreed to call writer if any seen. Didn't see a light in home during period writer had surveillance.

[redacted] He could furnish nothing. He thought Lucchese one of the finest neighbors he ever had. Stated that Lucchese once [redacted]

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[redacted] could furnish no information on whereabouts [redacted] apparently had been [redacted]

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[redacted] could furnish nothing and agreed to call writer if anything was seen.

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[redacted] identity should be protected.

Above telephonically furnished to SA [redacted] Sec. 5 as it occurred.  
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## House Probe Seeks Luchese Tie To U. S. Attorney's Employees

The House Judiciary subcommittee looking into charges of police brutality in New York City is also investigating the office of United States Attorney Myles J. Lane for evidence of possible collusion between persons in Mr. Lane's office and Thomas (Three-Fingers Brown) Luchese, alleged racketeer awaiting denaturalization and deportation hearings.

Robert A. Collier, chief counsel for the committee, said yesterday that he was trying to find out if Luchese was "close to any one else in Lane's office" besides Armand Chankalian, an administrative assistant ousted Feb. 3 "or whether any other employees of the office were close to other underworld figures."

### Three-Pronged Attack

Mr. Collier said the committee was carrying on a "three-pronged" attack to rid the country of alien criminals and gangsters. He added that the committee wants to know how "Luchese and his ilk acquired immigration status, how they acquired citizenship status, and if fraud was involved, why something hasn't been done about it."

He explained that Mr. Lane's office is being investigated for evidences of possible "protection" extended to Luchese and other persons with criminal records in regard to citizenship and immigration requirements. Besides Luchese,

he named Frank Costello, Joe Adonis, Vito Genevese and Albert Anastasia as subjects of the committee's nation-wide investigation.

Mr. Collier, who returned Friday night to his home in Washington, stated that he had left "a staff of investigators" behind to look into the agreement between the New York City Police Department and the Justice Department in cases involving charges of police brutality and violation of civil rights.

He said he was keeping in touch with the investigation by telephone, and that after his conference Friday with Mayor Vincent R. Impellitteri and Police Commissioner George P. Monaghan, the investigators were receiving full co-operation from local officials. He said that interviews were going on all day yesterday with policemen and complainants involved in civil rights violation charges.

Commissioner Monaghan was busy at his office yesterday preparing a statement of his side of the controversy to be given this afternoon from 3:30 to 4 p.m. over WNET (Channel 4).

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# Probe Wins Court Plea On Luchese

**S**aying that it was not the function of the courts to lay out a pattern of conduct for public investigations, the Appellate Division refused yesterday to set aside a stipulation entered into by the State Crime Commission in which it agreed not to call Thomas Luchese, alias "Three-Finger Brown," at any future hearing.

Rejecting a taxpayer's suit by Charles Haydon, of Scarsdale, N. Y., who contended the commission stipulation was against public interest, the court agreed with Justice Felix C. Benvenge, of Supreme Court who had dismissed the action and added that the stipulation did not bar the commission from calling Luchese if it wishes, since the agreement covered only a particular subpoena.

## Administrative Question

"The stipulation amounts to an announcement by the commission that it had no further need to examine Luchese," Associate Justice Francis Bergan wrote in his opinion. "This is an administrative, and not a judicial, question. The function of judges is to decide controversy and not to lay out a pattern of future public investigation and inquiry where there is an admitted area of executive or legislative power.

"If the commission decided that the testimony of Luchese was not any longer, or not at all, necessary to its work, the court would not undertake to advise the commission that such testimony was necessary.

## Court Won't Interpose

"We are quite clear on the point that the court would not interpose to lay down a scheme of affirmative action which the commission would feel required to obey in doing its work."

Justice Bergan added that the stipulation "should have no binding force" on the commission if in the future it decided that Luchese's testimony was necessary. "This stipulation here, we hold, merely disposes of a particular legal point arising from a subpoenaed witness's refusal to appear at a future administrative action."

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## CRIME BOARD ACTION ON LUCHESE UPHELD

The Appellate Division unanimously upheld yesterday the right of the State Crime Commission not to call Thomas (Three Finger Brown) Luchese as a witness at its public hearings.

The court also affirmed a decision of Supreme Court Justice Felix Benavente, who ruled that it was discretionary with the commission whether it wished public testimony from Luchese.

A taxpayer's action to test the validity of the stipulation entered into between the commission and attorneys for Luchese "not to subpoena Luchese at any future hearing, public or private" was brought by Charles Haydon, a New York lawyer, who lives in Scarsdale, N. Y.

In reviewing the evidence the higher court noted that Luchese had appeared six or more times in private hearings before the commission.

The opinion, written by Justice Francis Bergan, read in part: "Insofar as the stipulation states that it will not subpoena Luchese at any future hearing, public or private, we think that such provision should have no binding force upon the State Crime Commission if at any time it should feel that this witness' testimony before the commission might become necessary."

"The stipulation here, we hold, merely disposes of a particular legal point arising under a particular subpoena. We do not regard it as a hedge around future administrative action."

Mr. Haydon said that although the court had upheld the stipulation, he pointed out that the crime commission could call Luchese any time it wanted.

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## High Court Backs Crime Probers' Pact With Luchese

The right of the State Crime Commission not to call Thomas (Three-Finger Brown) Luchese as a witness at any future public or private hearings was upheld today by the Appellate Division.

In an unanimous decision, the division ruled it was not the function of judges to lay out a pattern of conduct for public investigations or inquiries.

The decision, however, stressed that as far as the court was concerned the Crime Commission was free to call Luchese to testify at any time in the future.

The case grew out of a taxpayer's suit to test the validity of a stipulation entered into between the commission and Luchese's attorneys, not to require Luchese's presence at future hearings.

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# SCC Upheld on Three Finger

Supreme Court Justice Felix C. Benvenga's refusal to set aside the State Crime Commission's stipulation not to call Thomas (Three Finger Brown) Luchese as a witness again in "public or private" was affirmed by the Appellate Division yesterday.

The higher court said, in effect, that it was strictly the SCC's business whether it wanted to hear any more from Luchese, mystery man of the New York-New Jersey underworld.

But it added that the stipulation "merely disposes of a particular legal point arising under a particular subpoena" and that it need not prevent the SCC from calling the mobster later.

The ruling was on the contention of Charles Haydon, of Scarsdale, in a taxpayer's action, that the stipulation appearing to make Luchese

immune from future Crime Commission subpoenas was "against public interest."

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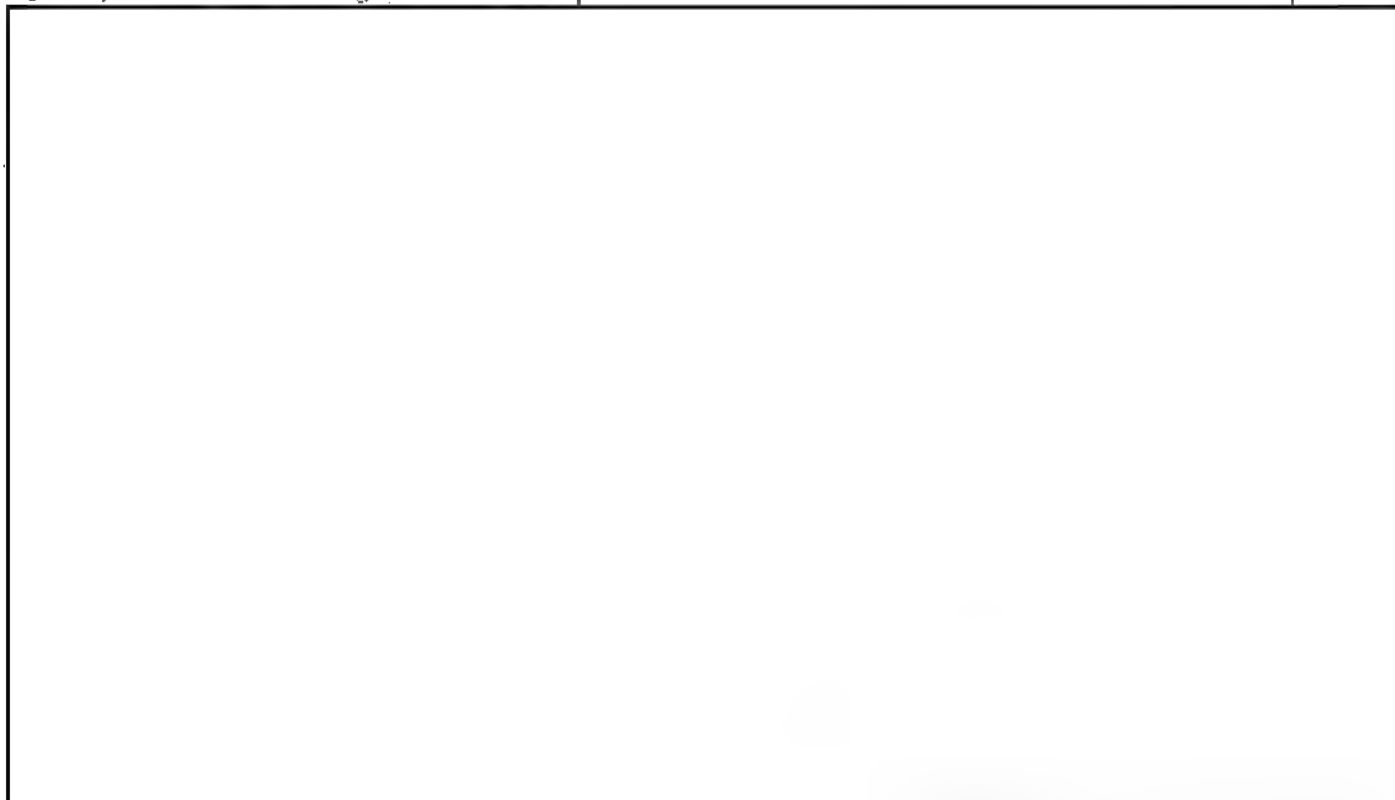
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TO : SAC (92-665)

DATE: 12-5-57

FROM :

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SUBJECT:

Thomas Lucke, was  
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Re Old Court Records to be reviewed.

On 12-5-57

Record office, Court of

Special Sessions, 100 Centre St. advised by telephone that the records of such as docket files, trial info, etc. over 20 years old have been destroyed. The only record left is a book which reflects the name of the complainant, name of defendant, date of arrest, arresting officer, charge, date of pleading, name of judge and disposition. He was unable to furnish any info on a list of all Courts maintained in city nyc pd record serial 175 & the instant file. The suggested contact with Director of Administration of City Magistrates Court who would be the most likely person to give the location of these Courts.

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On 12/5/57, [redacted] office of Judge Vetrano, who is clerk & administrator of City Magistrate Ct, 100 Centre St, [redacted] advised by telephone that she is working as a relief in the Judge's office, while regular girl is on vacation. She was unable to furnish any info re these old court records. However, she stated that she would inquire of the Judge if these records are in existence or not and their location if same. She stated she would try to advise me of the results of her checks by the 12th or 13th, if possible.

[redacted] advised on 12/5/57 that she had spoken to the Judge & he was of the opinion that the records in question have been destroyed. She stated that there is a record list, probably the docket record, in basement supply room at 100 Centre St. The Judge indicated to her if the papers are not there, they should be an indication of what happened to them. She said to ask for [redacted]

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 12/4/57

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (92-665)

Attention:

☐ Domestic Intelligence Division

SUBJECT: THOMAS LUCHESE, was.  
ANTI-RACKETEERING

☒ Investigative Division

[Redacted]

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Justification: (Comment on necessity, desirability, productivity, possibility of embarrassment to Bureau.  
If necessary continue on extra page.)

ReBulet. 11/27/57.

[Redacted]

As far as is known, there are no factors involved  
which will result in embarrassment to the Bureau.

[Redacted]

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[Redacted] to whom Form FD-115 will be directed if authorized:

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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APPROVED 12/16/57

Subject to your assurance th  
no possibility of embarrassme  
to the Bureau exists.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (92-665) <sup>na</sup> [redacted] R4

DATE: 12-18-57

FROM : SA [redacted]

Sec 5A

SUBJECT:

Thomas Lucchese, was  
top hood program.

Re memo of [redacted]

9/12/13/57

OM 12/17/57 [redacted]

furnished to writer

will [redacted]

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*Agent will personally observe the*



*Please handle by 12/31/57*

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201 East 69th Street  
New York 21, New York

*12/24/57*

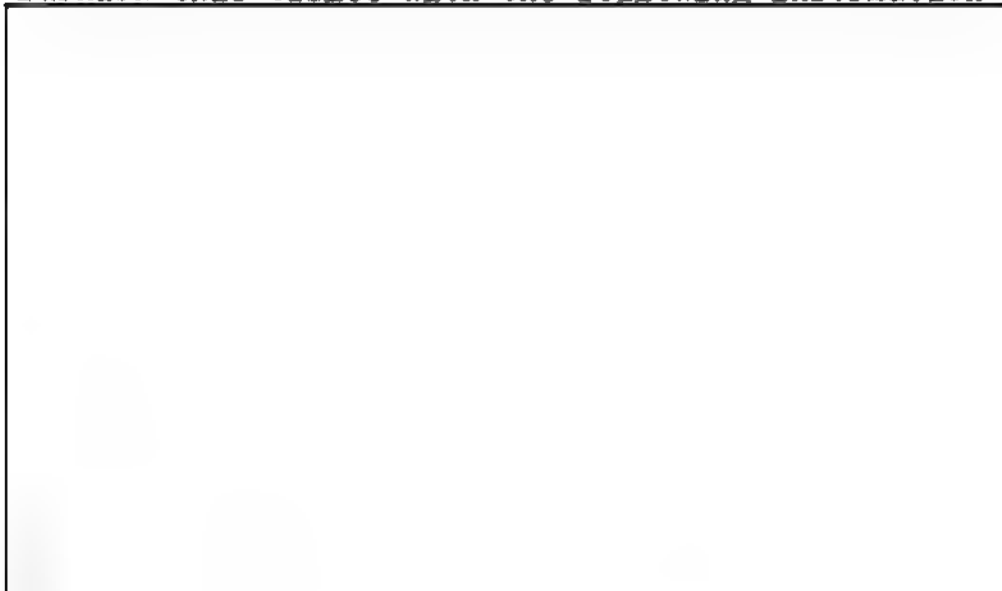
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Dear Sir:

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In connection with an investigation being conducted by this Bureau, it is requested that you furnish this office with the following information



Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

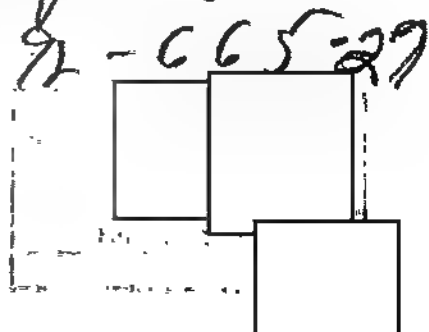
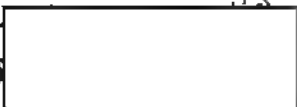
Very truly yours,  
EDWARD J. POWERS  
Special Agent in Charge

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC - 92-665

DATE: 12/27/57

FROM : SA [redacted] per 58

SUBJECT: Thomas Luckase, was.

This case was assigned to writer on  
12/26/57 having previously been assigned to SA  
[redacted]

Attached is the old assign it be  
part of this file.

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Title THOMAS L. GHESE, wa.  
TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE

File No. 94-419  
Date Recd. SUB FILE 19  
8/26/53

Office of Origin:  
Assigned to (date)  
Reassigned to (date)

NEW YORK

9/10/53

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8/20/55

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to [redacted]  
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Lester L Burr 12/1/54  
8/23/55  
Letter to [redacted] 9/7/55  
Booked 10/28/55 - 11/30/55  
12/21/55  
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2-1-56  
Let Yob - 3-7-56 [redacted]  
Posted 4-10-56  
Letter to [redacted] 5/3/56 [redacted]  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : S.A.C., N.Y. (92-665)

DATE: 12-26-57

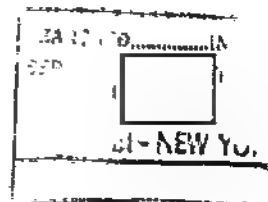
FROM : S.A. [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: Thomas Luckese, W.A.P.  
Top Hood program

Re: memo of S.A. [REDACTED] 12-18-57

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A visit was made to Lido Beach on  
12-26-57 by S.A. [REDACTED] and the  
S.A. [REDACTED]. It was noted that  
74 Bayat St. Lido Beach is the  
house in the attached photo.

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92-665-29 [REDACTED]

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: 12/30/57

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (92-632)  
FROM: SUPERVISOR [REDACTED] (#5A)  
SUBJECT: TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM  
ANTI-RACKETEERING

The Bureau has advised that a review has been made of the approved criminal informants with particular reference to coverage they can afford under instant program.

It was noted that while some of the informants [REDACTED] under this program, there is an urgent need for [REDACTED] In view of the present program of active investigation concerning these top hoodlums, it will be necessary to develop and utilize informants who can [REDACTED]

The Bureau noted that many criminal informants are developed among persons [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The Bureau pointed out the particular desirability of developing as an informant [REDACTED] and indicated that should there arise any opportunity, every possible effort should be exerted toward such an accomplishment.

- 1. - NY 92-632-Sub A
- 1. - NY 92-632-Sub B

- 1. - [REDACTED]
- 1. - [REDACTED]
- 1. - [REDACTED]
- 1. - [REDACTED]
- 1. - [REDACTED]
- 1. - [REDACTED]
- 1. - [REDACTED]
- 1. - [REDACTED]
- 1. - [REDACTED]
- 1. - NY 92-632

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The Bureau instructed that by 1/15/58, a separate letter be submitted to the Bureau concerning each top hoodlum setting forth criminal informants [redacted]

[redacted] who are [redacted]

[redacted] A brief statement should be made as to the informant's [redacted]

[redacted] which makes it possible for the informant to furnish assistance in the investigation and the steps being taken to obtain pertinent information.

With regard to the above, each agent to whom a case is assigned should remain particularly alert as [redacted]

[redacted] In the course of his investigation, any compromising information or facts which could be used to further this project should be immediately brought to the attention of the Supervisor. It is further noted that [redacted]

[redacted]

With regard to the letter requested by the Bureau, each agent to whom a case is assigned will prepare a letter setting forth the requested information and submitted for approval by the Desk by 1/10/58.

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The Bureau has also advised that in connection with the inquiries being made concerning top hoodlums, there is a need to know [REDACTED]

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The Bureau feels that it will be significant to clearly outline in memorandum form, which could be readily available for all agents working on this program, the above information. It is felt that such a memorandum would obviate the need for each agent to independently develop this type of information. The Bureau, therefore, instructs that such a memorandum be prepared for each subject so that it will be readily available in the case file.

Each agent should, therefore, conduct appropriate investigation to determine the above information and prepare a memorandum for the file by 2/10/58.

1/10/58

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, MIAMI  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (92-665)  
SUBJECT: THOMAS LUCHESE, was.  
ANTI-RACKETEERING

Re New York report SA [redacted]  
dated 12/26/57.

In covering leads set forth in re report  
will determine from agent handling [redacted] or from  
informant [redacted]

Subairtel results.

*assumed Miami airtel  
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2 - Miami  
① - New York (92-665)

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Supervisor #5-A.

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Date: 1/15/58

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TO: SAC, NEW YORK (62-665)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (92-new)

SUBJECT: THOMAS LUCHESE, Was.;  
ANTI-RACKETEERING.

Re NY airtel to Miami 1/10/58.

Above airtel makes reference to New York report  
of SA [redacted] 12/26/57.Indices Miami Office fail to reflect this report  
has been received.New York requested to furnish Miami the necessary  
reports and if they have been forwarded, advise.[redacted]  
② - New York (AM)  
1 - Miami[redacted]  
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Approved: [redacted]

Special Agent in Charge

Sent [redacted]

M Per [redacted]

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THOMAS LUCHESE, was.  
ANTI-RACKETEERING

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During this investigation opportunities for the development of informants will be explored to the utmost as they arise. [REDACTED]

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REGULAR MAIL

TO: SAC, NEW HAVEN

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (92-665)

SUBJECT: THOMAS LUCHESE, wa.  
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During a review of [redacted]

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See airtel results.

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- 2 - New Haven
- ① - New York (92-665)
- Supervisor [redacted]

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92-665-34 [redacted]

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (92-665) <sup>attention</sup> Minolta RA

DATE: 1-17-58

FROM : SA

[Redacted]

be SA

SUBJECT:

Thomas Luchac, wa  
Anti - Racketeering  
Top - Hood.

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Re memo. of SA [Redacted] 12/13/57 ~~attending~~  
setting forth needs for <sup>of subject</sup> ~~and of family of subject~~

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[Large Redacted Block]

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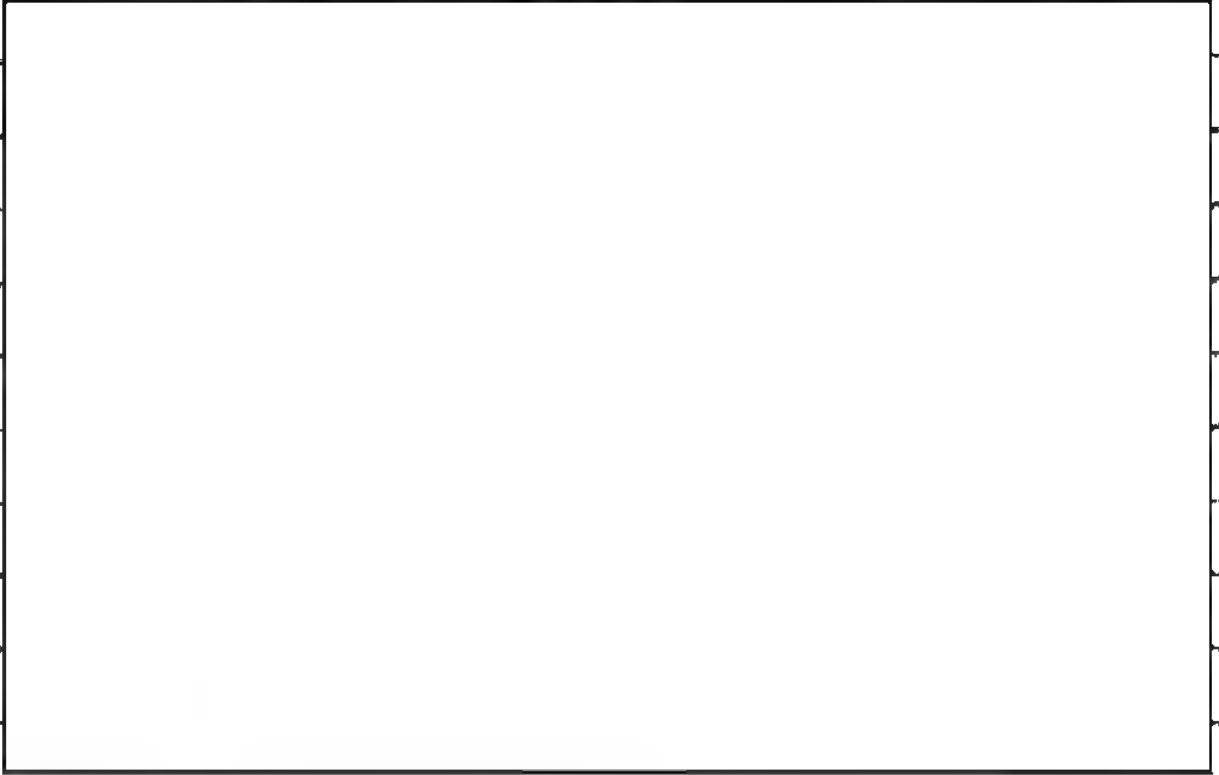
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Leads: at Muncie R.H.

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~~will check Crest~~

will check for criminal record at  
Mason Co, Pol and <sup>city</sup> Pol covering  
sub. written.

will check credit & criminal on

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from address.

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Leads Cont.

Re

[Redacted]

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~~will check for criminal record at Nassau Co and City Pol covering his residence -~~

CV will determine if some source and or  
photo, policeman, or Pol, if [Redacted] still  
resides there or in N.J.

CV to reside in N.J. determine if voter  
reg or other source with G. P. H.  
who does live there now.

Re

[Redacted]

~~will check for criminal record at~~

CV will check for criminal record at  
Nassau Co, & City Pol covering  
his residence.

\* Note - Please cover leads as soon as possible as  
Bureau desires informant be helpful on any home  
& other leads has to be covered before any  
of these persons can be contacted.

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TO : SAC (92-665)

DATE: 1-21-58

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

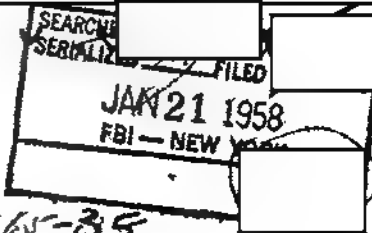
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Anti: Racketeering.

During the morning of Monday 1-13-58, the  
writer conducted a spot check of [REDACTED]

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
New Haven, Conn.

1/20/58

AIRTEL

Transmit the following ~~teletype~~ message to: SAC, NEW YORK (92665)

FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (92-NEW)

SUBJECT: THOMAS LUCHESE, WA  
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OO: NY

Re NY Airtel 1/17/58.

On 1/20/58, [redacted] of the Dept. of Motor Vehicles for  
the State of Connecticut, Hartford, Conn., advised that [redacted]  
Connecticut License [redacted] was issued to [redacted]

for a [redacted]

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2 - New York  
1 - New Haven

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Approved: *OB*

Special Agent in Charge

Per

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Date: 1/21/58

Transmit the following message via AIRTEL

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TO: SAC, NEW YORK (92-665)  
 FROM: SAC, NEWARK (92-427)  
 SUBJECT: THOMAS LUCHESE, was.  
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ReNYairtel to NK, 12/18/57.

on 1/20/57 that [redacted] LEonia, N. J., Post Office, advised  
 from [redacted] to [redacted] on [redacted]

NY conduct interview of [redacted] at above address.

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Approved: 3/51  
 Special Agent in Charge

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AIRTEL

TO : SAC, MIAMI (92-New)  
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (665)  
SUBJECT: THOMAS LUCHESE, was.,  
Gaetano Lucchese (TN),  
Thomas Arra, Fats Brown,  
Four Finger Brown, Three  
Finger Brown, Thomas Lucase,  
Thomas Luckese, Thomas Luschesse  
ANTI-RACKETEERING

Re NY airtel 1/10/51, and Miami airtel 1/15/51.

[redacted] advised in

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New York report not being submitted to Miami  
at this time since only lead is to determine [redacted]

If informant has any other information since  
[redacted] which would be pertinent at this time  
Miami advise and copy of report in this case will be  
submitted for background information.

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2- Miami (92-New)  
1- New York (92-665)

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1- Supervisor / 5A [redacted]

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (92-665)

DATE: 1-21-58

FROM : SA [redacted]

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SUBJECT:

Thomas Lawrence, was  
top hood.

On 1-17-58 SA [redacted]

took a photograph [redacted] at 821  
E. 160 St, Bx, NY. This is the entrance,  
leading up stairs to the 8th  
Floor, a company in which the  
subject has an interest.

Attached are 2 enlargement photographs  
of this address. There are 6 in  
all set in [redacted]

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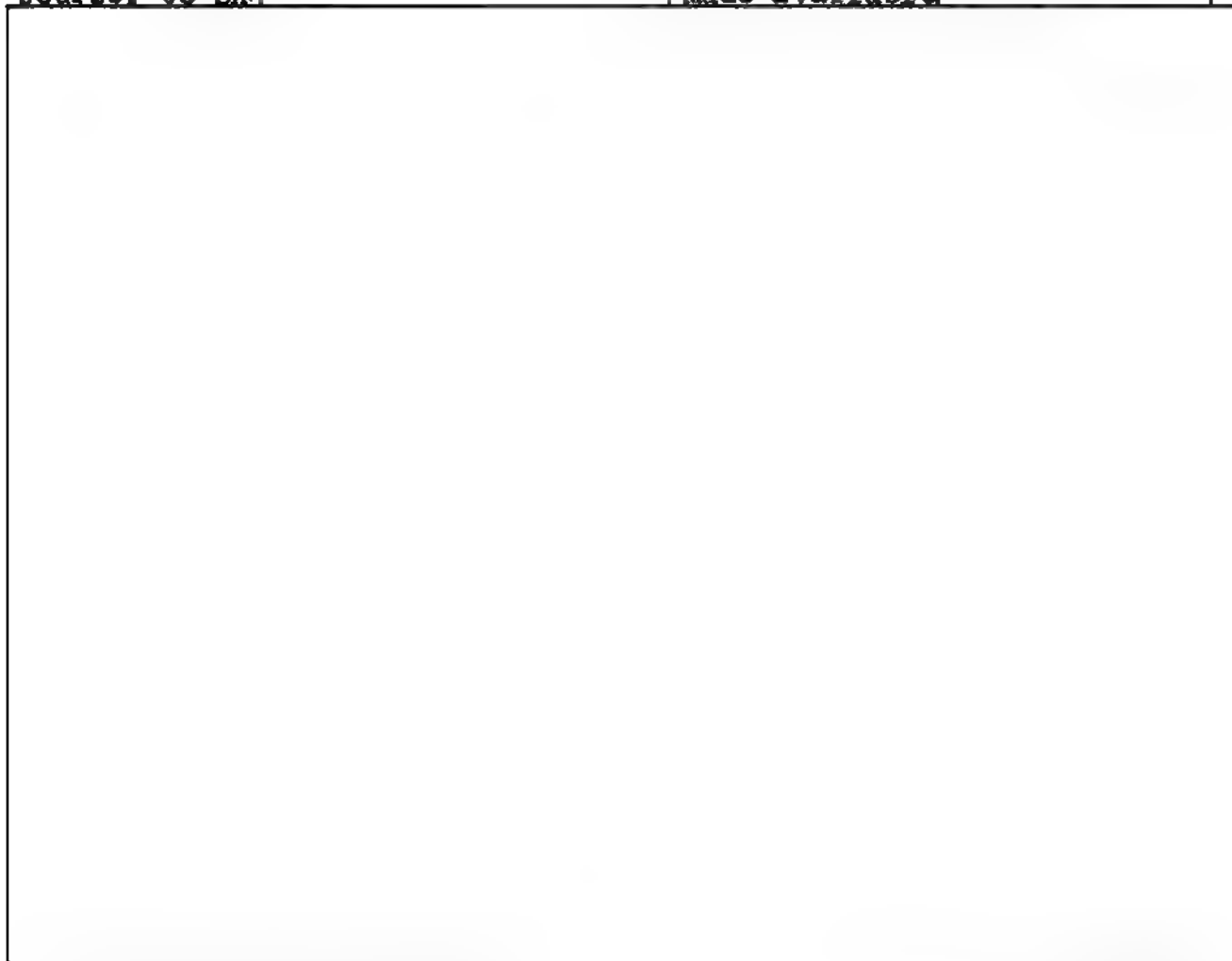
SA [redacted] #5A

CARLO GAMBINO, was.  
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On 12/13/57, [redacted] (a highly confidential and reliable  
source, to SA [redacted] made available [redacted])

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- 1 - 92-657 (CARLO GAMBINO)
- ① - 92-665 (THOMAS LUCHESE)

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The foregoing is furnished for information.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (92-665) <sup>act:</sup> Mineola R#

DATE: 1-17-58

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: Thomas Tushnet was  
Top Hand.

[REDACTED] 1 [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] has been  
reported by [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] as being a  
teacher at Mineola H.S. & a friend  
of the subject.

There is no phone listing for him  
in current directory. To develop background  
on him it is requested the [REDACTED]  
be made.

at Mineola, N.Y.

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Will contact a known reliable source

✓ [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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Will check Credit of <sup>Do</sup> <sup>sect 8</sup> <sup>at N.Y.</sup> <sup>Three</sup>

Will check Criminal.



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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : S.A.C., N.Y. (92-665)

DATE: 1-23-58

FROM : S.A. [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: THOMAS LUCHESE W.A.P.

TOP HOD LVM

On 1-22-58 [REDACTED]

Nassau Co. Ad. J

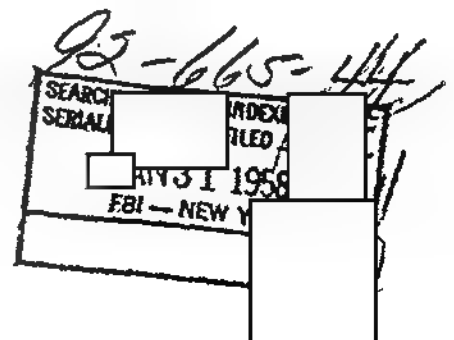
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Election, Nassau, N.Y. advised that a permanent registration was filed in 1955 by:

- ① Bernard HAUSHMAN 66 Royal St., Lido Beach, N.Y.  
He was born 12-28-17 U.S.; 5'-9"; Brown  
Hair, Brown Eyes, married.

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② [REDACTED]

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Nov 1-22-58

The Realty records of the County Clerk's office,  
Manhasset, N.Y. examined by S.A. [redacted]  
reflect that by deed dated 6-11-51 the  
Sumner Shub Corp. conveyed 6 P. Ryeat St.,  
L.I.C. Beach to Bernard [redacted] Hausman

whose address on the deed was shown as [redacted]

The conveyance was subject to a [redacted]  
held by the Lawrence - Cedarhurst Federal Savings  
& Loan Assoc., Cedarhurst, N.Y. The  
mortgage was assigned to the Citicorp  
Industrial Savings Bank on 8-10-55.

Jan 1-23-58

Lawrence - Cedarhurst Federal Savings & Loan Assoc.,  
Cedarhurst, N.Y. advised that Mr. Bernard  
Hausman's application and background data  
had been sent to Citicorp Industrial Savings  
Bank when the mortgage was assigned to  
that institution in 1955.

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On 1-22-58 [redacted] Nassau  
County Clearing Bureau, Freeport, N.Y. advised  
he had no information as to Bernard Hausman

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On 1-23-58 [redacted]  
Long Beach Post Office, Long Beach, N.Y.  
advised that Bernard Hausman has worked at  
the Long Beach Post Office during the summers and  
Christmas week of 1956 and 1957.  
His records at the Long Beach Post Office  
reflect the following:

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Bernard Hausman

68 Royat St., Long Beach, N.Y.

Teacher of English - Minnesota High School  
since 1947.

Attended Hofstra College 1936 - 40

Attended Whichever High School till 1935

Prior Employment: Jones Beach Catering  
(manager/owner) Corp., Wantagh, N.Y.  
1936 - 1940  
1945 - 1947

U.S. Army 11-26-40 to 3-27-45

Army Serial # 12021312  
Has ~~the~~ veteran's disability preference  
of 10 points due to "Hypertension - controlled"

Born 12-25-17 N.Y., N.Y.

Hgt 5'9"

Wgt 185

S.S. # 114-09-3325

Telephone # GE 1-5365

According to [redacted], Bernard Hausman's  
wife, [redacted] is an Italian girl. He  
did not know if she was related to Luckese.

They have two children and have resided in  
Lido Beach, N.Y. for about 8 years at least.  
The Hausman family originally came from  
Stickerville, N.Y.

Bernard's father is Nathan Hausman 631 N.  
Market St., Long Beach, N.Y., retired, who  
formerly owned "Suffys' Liquor Store" in  
Long Beach.

Bernard's [redacted] is [redacted]

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He runs a liquor store "Sticks Liquor" at  
330 Sticks St., Brooklyn, N.Y.

[redacted] stated that the Staceman's  
enjoy a good reputation in Long Beach.

On 1-23-58 [redacted]  
Nassau Co. S. D., Mineola, N.Y. had  
"no record" for Bernard Staceman.



## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC - 92-665

DATE: 1-24-58

FROM : S.A. [REDACTED]

all S.A. [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: Thomas Lucke was  
AR

On 1-23-58 [REDACTED] Registrar, Long Beach

Person, Ossining N.Y. made available the  
Records of Thomas Lucke # 73617  
(See attached notes)

2-5-57 [REDACTED] advised SA [REDACTED] that the records  
at Long Beach in 1922 were not very complete & inadequate  
as compared to the trial in vain & determine from  
the record the date of admission & discharge, but these  
had not been inserted in his record.

[REDACTED]

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Thomas Luckese

# 73617

Indicted County Ct., Suffolk, Queensland, by  
3/27/22 - Grand Larceny, 1st degree.

- Sentenced - Impr - 10 yrs.

then - 3 yrs. 8 months

- age 22

Corn Stalk (Palermo)

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(Jack Spence) # 73616

Re: Luckner

1/23/58

Request from

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[Redacted]

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by 8/2/46

for list of correspondents.

Luckner listed following correspondents for approval:

Mother -	FRANCES	1997	Indiana, Ind
Father -	John	"	"
Sister -	Ethel -	"	"
	Rose	"	"
	Beatrice	"	"
Brothers -	Long, Joseph, James	"	"

Others

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TO: SAC, CINCINNATI  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (92-665)

THOMAS LUCHESE, was:  
Three Finger Brown, Tom Brown,  
Tommy Brown  
TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM  
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Re memo of SA [redacted] 7/21/53, Photostat  
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Newark was requested to interview [redacted] of  
[redacted] to develop any additional information he may  
have in his possession [redacted]

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Cincinnati is requested to conduct interview of [redacted]  
[redacted] It is suggested the interview be conducted with  
finesse and possibly some discretion, as it appears [redacted]  
furnished the information [redacted]

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If [redacted] reacts favorably during interview will then  
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[redacted] (#5-A)  
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In the event that [REDACTED]  
Cincinnati will set out lead by airtel enclosing attached  
memo of [REDACTED]

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In view of fact this lead was originally set forth in  
December, 1957, it is requested that Cincinnati conduct  
interview as soon as possible and suaairtel results.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : SAC, New York (92-665)

DATE: January 30,

✓ FROM : Director, FBI (92-2878)

PERSONAL ATTENTION

SUBJECT: THOMAS LUCHESE, WA.  
ANTI - RACKETEERINGRerep of SA [redacted] dated December 23,  
1957, at New York.b6  
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Your attention is directed to the letter to New York dated November 27, 1957. In this letter the objective of the Top Hoodlum Program was clearly outlined. However, after a review of the reports being submitted in connection with this program, a number of delinquencies were noted to occur with regularity. These were brought to your attention by Bulet to New York dated 1/15/58, a copy of which was furnished to all field divisions. Some of the delinquencies mentioned in the letter of 1/15/58 are noted to prevail in rerep.

In this regard most of the information set out in rerep consists primarily of information obtained as a result of a review of the files of the New York Office and from information obtained from the local police. It is indicated that the subject has associated with numerous individuals of criminal background, some of whom are top hoodlums in the New York area. For the most part, information concerning [redacted]

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[redacted] was obtained by informants whose reliability has not been established and through [redacted]

[redacted] You should through active investigation, the use of reliable informants and available sources, [redacted]

Rerep reflects that deportation proceedings were filed against the subject, which proceedings were dismissed in United States District Court, Eastern District of New York on October 15, 1956, and that the Government has filed an appeal relative to the dismissal of these proceedings, which appeal was to be argued on March 15, 1957. You should immediately obtain complete information and details concerning the above deportation proceedings against the subject. The present status of the Government's appeal relative to the dismissal of deportation proceedings against the subject should immediately be obtained.

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file.* 92-665-47

Letter to New York

Re: Thomas Luchese, Wa.

In addition to the above all information in possession of the United States Attorney, Eastern District of New York, concerning the subject including his Immigration and Naturalization Service file should be thoroughly reviewed. All information contained in this file pertaining to the subject's naturalization should also be obtained. If necessary you should review all records at the United States District Court, Newark, New Jersey, relative to the subject's admittance as a United States citizen on January 25, 1943.

On page 6 of rerep information is set out concerning the subject's [redacted] who was born on [redacted] and who was reported to have been a cadet at the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York. On the same page reference is made to the son of the subject in which he was described as [redacted] United States Air Force. It should be determined if the above two names represent the same individual or two different individuals. You should also conduct necessary investigation in order to ascertain the present whereabouts of the subject's [redacted] as well as his employment and current activities.

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It is noted on page 8 of rerep that the subject's [redacted] married Thomas Gambino, Jr., the son of Carlo Gambino who is a subject of a Top Hoodlum - Anti-Racketeering case in the New York Office. Active investigation should be conducted concerning the [redacted] Thomas Gambino, Jr., in order to determine the employment of Thomas Gambino, Jr., and also to determine the degree of association that exists between the subject and Carlo Gambino.

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In reference to the parents and brothers and sisters listed by the subject, you should verify the death of the subject's father and also ascertain if the subject's mother is still alive and her present whereabouts. It is noted that information obtained concerning the subject's brothers and sisters was obtained several years ago. You should conduct active investigation in order to ascertain the present addresses, employments and activities of the subject's brothers and sisters.

On page 19 of rerep a detective of the New York City Police Department advised in 1947 that the subject at that time was believed to be the head of the "Unione Siciliana" also known as the "Mafia" or "Syndicate."

Letter to New York

Re: Thomas Luchese, Wa.

As pointed out in Bulet to the New York Office dated 11/27/57, one of the results expected from this program is an accurate resume of the activity and tie-ins of hoodlums and also accurate data as to the existence and scope of operation of any so-called criminal syndicate such as the Mafia. It is therefore expected that Agents assigned to the Top Hoodlum Program will be alerted for any information indicating the existence of a Mafia or syndicate and will take the initiative in fully developing such information. It is therefore expected that this phase will be fully and completely explored in instant case. Rerep under the caption "Travel" sets out information indicating that little is known of the subject's travel in the past or in the present. It is indicated that the subject has been known to travel to Florida, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Cuba. This information is totally inadequate. A continuous knowledge of the subject's movements is essential. It is imperative that sufficient coverage be instituted in order that any travel plans on the part of the subject will be known by you in advance so that interested offices can be immediately notified and steps taken by those offices to effect appropriate coverage. This item should be given your immediate attention and intensive investigation activities initiated so that proper coverage can be established relative to the subject's travel.

You have previously been advised that a primary purpose of this program is to develop any violations with the Bureau's jurisdiction and to obtain complete and current intelligence information concerning the activities of the top hoodlums under investigation. In view of the importance of this program, it is expected that you will continue to afford this matter your personal attention in order to insure that it is effectively administered.



2/11/58

DIRECTOR, FBI  
ATT: FBI IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

SAC, NEW YORK (92-665)

THOMAS LUCKESE, was.  
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Subject's [redacted]

[redacted] was appointed to the West Point Academy by former New York Congressman VITO MARCANTONIO and he graduated therefrom in about 1950.

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In 1952, [redacted] was stationed at the Suffolk County Air Base, 103rd Fighter Interceptor Command, Long Island, New York. He was born on [redacted] to THOMAS and CONCETTA LUCKESE, nee Vassallo.

The Identification Division is requested to locate and review the subject's [redacted] military record and furnish pertinent background information to the NYO.

Will specifically determine when he left active duty, under what circumstances, and if he is in the active or inactive reserve, and, if positive, identify his unit.

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Chicago interview appropriate person, explaining  
confidential nature of inquiry and determine the reason for  
their contacting the subject.

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SAC, SAN DIEGO

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San Diego identify this person, check indices, and credit, and furnish any pertinent information connecting him to any criminal activity to NYO.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (92-632)

DATE: 2/4/58

FROM : SUPERVISOR [REDACTED] #5A)

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SUBJECT: TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM -  
ANTI-RACKETEERING

On 1/29/58, [REDACTED] advised SAS [REDACTED] and  
[REDACTED] that due to [REDACTED]

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Testimony of [redacted]  
District Supervisor,  
Bureau of Narcotics,

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Before the Joint Legislative Committee  
on Government Operations Regarding  
a Meeting at Apalachin, New York  
on November 14, 1957.

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On November 14, 1957 the New York State Police uncovered a meeting at the home of Joseph Barbara of Apalachin, New York. Their investigation positively identified 58 individuals in attendance and uncovered two other persons believed to have attended this conference but who could not be actively placed at the Barbara residence at the time of the raid. They are one Nicholas Cavillo and Joseph Valardo - both individuals alleging they were from Kansas City, Missouri.

As the police reports from the Apalachin area began to list the names of the individuals attending this meeting the interest of law enforcement officers throughout the United States and in fact the entire western world was aroused.

The United States Bureau of Narcotics became particularly interested in this meeting as reports from Apalachin indicated that at least three narcotic violators of major importance were present at this convention, along with several other individuals linked to them in the illicit narcotics traffic over the years through our investigations and various sources of information.

Our files indicate that Joseph Francis Civillo of 5311 Denton Drive, Dallas, Texas, who attended this meeting, was convicted in 1937 at Dallas, Texas in two cases developed by the Federal Bureau of Narcotics and sentenced to a 15-year concurrent prison term on both cases on April 2, 1937. On November 6, 1948 his sentence was commuted and he was released from prison. Civillo now has an application for pardon pending regarding this conviction.

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Another individual in attendance, Dominick D'Agostino of 2226 Ontario Avenue, Niagara Falls, New York, was convicted on November 2, 1930 for conspiracy to sell narcotics at Buffalo, New York. This conviction was subsequently reversed by the Court of Appeals.

A third individual listed in attendance at this meeting was John Ormento of 118 Audrey Drive, Lido Beach, New York. This man, known as "Big John", regarded by the Federal Narcotics Bureau as one of the most active and important narcotic violators in the United States, has been convicted for violation of the Federal Narcotics Laws on three separate occasions during the past 20 years.

In 1937 Ormento was convicted of violating the Harrison Narcotic Act and sentenced to a 3-year prison term. During 1941 Ormento was again arrested for violation of the Harrison Narcotic Act, convicted and sentenced to an 8-year prison term. In 1951 Ormento was again arrested and subsequently convicted for conspiracy to violate the Harrison Narcotic Act and was sentenced to a 2-year prison term.

John Ormento was born and raised in the East Harlem area of New York City and has always centered his activities around the vicinity of 107th Street. He is generally considered a prominent member, if not the leader of the East 107th Street mob.

Our investigations and convictions of Ormento have uncovered probative evidence which establishes that he has been associated through the years with Salvatore Santora and Joseph Vento and others in an operation wherein they either smuggled or caused to be smuggled vast quantities of heroin and opium from Mexico, Italy and France to the United States for distribution on a nation wide scale.

In addition to these three narcotic convictions Ormento was convicted for bookmaking in 1948 and fined \$50.00.

On March 18, 1955 Ormento was arrested in New York City with one Salvatore Lo Proto in possession of two loaded pistols - one a 38 calibre and the other a .22 calibre equipped with a silencer. These weapons were cached in a secret electrically controlled trap built into the front seat of a 1952 Chrysler, bearing New York license 1952 BB 3730, listed to Betty Licatta, 2073 Second Avenue, New York City. This woman is the sister of Lo Proto. The charge against Ormento was dismissed when Lo Proto alleged the guns belonged to him. The .22 calibre pistol equipped with a silencer is generally regarded as an assassin's tool.

Now on October 18, 1956, just a little more than a year prior to this large meeting at Apalachin, there appears to have been a smaller meeting of the same type uncovered by the New York State Police at Binghamton, New York. The facts surrounding this meeting are as follows:

On October 17, 1956, Joseph Barbara of Apalachin, New York, operator of the Canada Dry and Mission Co. Bottling Works at 9 Badger Ave., Endicott, New York, made a reservation at the Arlington Motel, Binghamton, New York, for himself and the following:

Louis Velpe  
522 Blake Ave.  
Long Island City, N.Y.

Frank Garafola  
339 EAST 58th St.  
New York, N. Y.

John Bonventre  
277 Central Ave.  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Joseph Bonanno, 9 Badger Ave.,  
Endicott, N. Y.

On the following day a New York State trooper stopped a 1956 Oldsmobile coupe bearing New Jersey registration H/a 9J9 in the vicinity of Windsor, Broome County, New York, for speeding. The automobile had three occupants, all having the appearance of hoodlums. The driver, on being questioned, displayed New York State Operator's Permit #5012240 in the name of Joseph Di Palermo, 246 Elizabeth St., New York, N. Y. It was obvious to the officer that the age shown on the operator's permit did not correspond to the apparent age of the driver. The driver was Carmine Galante, 277 Marcy Street, Brooklyn. The other occupants were identified as: Frank Garafola and John Bonventre. These individuals are all very well known to the Federal Bureau of Narcotics.

Joseph Di Palermo at the time was under active investigation for conspiracy to violate the Federal Narcotics Laws. On September 3, 1957 a sealed indictment was opened in Federal Court for the Southern District of New York, which named Joseph Di Palermo along with 45 co-defendants and 16 co-conspirators in a conspiracy of international extent to import heroin, opium and cocaine to the United States and distribute the narcotics so imported.

During the month of July, 1957, apparently when he learned the Kings County District Attorney's Office sought to arrest him on a fugitive harboring charge, Di Palermo fled from his usual haunts and at this time is a fugitive wanted by both the Federal Bureau of Narcotics and the Kings County District Attorney's Office.

In the past Di Palermo has been convicted of violating the Alcohol Tax laws of the Internal Revenue Code and for counterfeiting American Export checks.

The Louis Velpe for whom Barbara made a reservation at the Arlington Motel, is believed identical to Carmine Galante, born in New York City on February 21, 1910, with New York City Police #B-220693. This individual is believed to be an important figure in the illicit narcotic traffic between Italy, France, Canada, Cuba and the United States.



He is generally reputed to be in underworld circles the assassin of Carlo Tresca, the late Anti-Fascist Italo-American journalist who was slain in New York during 1943.

During recent years Galante established himself in Montreal, Canada as an underworld power in the control of organized gambling and in the illicit narcotics traffic. In the City of Montreal he operated the Bonfire Restaurant in partnership with a certain Harry Shep and Louis Grecco.

On April 30, 1956 Galante was deported from Canada for his activity in organized gambling, along with his bodyguard, one Michael Conzola, New York City P. D. B #59684. Since that time reports have been received that Galante and a group of associates have been conducting a campaign to control the narcotic, organized gambling and other rackets in Brooklyn.

Frank Garafolo is mentioned in the files of the Bureau of Narcotics in association with the late Willie Moretti and in the file of the late Abraham Davidian, a California mobster believed to have been assassinated in 1949 by elements of the Mafia in California. Garafolo is a close associate of Joseph and Salvatore Profaci. Although he resides with his brother Vincent at 339 East 58th Street, New York City, he also uses a Post Office Box #1370 at Merced, California. Garafolo is further identified under New York City P. D. B #66994 and is suspected as having ordered the murder of Carlo Tresca, which was carried out by Carmine Galante. There have been reports in the underworld that Joseph Di Palermo, previously referred to, assisted Galante in carrying out the Tresca murder by driving the get-away car.

We shall discuss John Bonventre, Joseph Bonanno and Joseph Barbara in a later section of this report. These three individuals, in addition to attending the meetings of October 17 and 18, 1956, attended the Apalachin meeting of November 14. The first meeting of this type reported in the files of the Federal Bureau of Narcotics, was a meeting held in a hotel room in Cleveland, Ohio and raided by police on December 6, 1928. Twenty-one individuals were found in this hotel room and 13 pistols were seized. The individuals arrested are identified as follows:

1. Emanuel Camerato of Chicago, Illinois.
2. Frank Alo, Gary, Indiana - found dead in Hot Springs 4/22/44.
3. Sam Olivero, alias Oliverio, Chicago
4. Joseph Vaglica, Tampa, Florida - killed in Tampa, 7/11/37
5. Joseph Palermo alias Palmere, 255 Howard St., Brooklyn, N.Y.
6. Paul Palazzo alias Palassolo, Gary, Indiana.

7. Andrew Lombardino, Newark, New Jersey
8. Sam De Carlo, alias Decardo, Buffalo, New York.
9. Pasquale Lo Lomb, Chicago, Illinois
10. James Intrala alias Intrivia, Chicago, Ill.
11. Joseph Sacco @ Accurso, - - - "
12. Tony Belle @ Dacino, Chicago, Ill.
13. Joseph Quinto @ Juinta, Chicago, Ill.
14. Vinc. Mangano, Brooklyn, New York - Disappeared in 1952
15. Sal Lombardino, 7411 Utica Street, Brooklyn, New York
16. Uius Magliocco, 668 Union St., Brooklyn, New York
17. John Mirabella, St. Louis, Missouri
18. Charles Sanfilippo, St. Louis, Mo.
19. Ignazio Italiano, Tampa, Florida
20. Nicholas Russo, Ireland, New Jersey
21. Joseph Profaci, Brooklyn, New York  
Fined \$50 - suspended sentence of 30 days

It should be noted that Joseph Profaci, Joseph Magliocco and Joseph Bonanno attended the meeting at Cleveland in 1928 and also at Apalachin in 1957.

During the month of May, 1952 another such meeting is reported to have taken place in a remote section of the Florida Keys, with the following individuals in attendance:

Vito Amorese	Thomas Marino @ Todo
Vincent Rao	Thomas Schillaci
Emanuel Camerada	Michael Clemente, and
Rocco Paolagrino	

As to this meeting it should be noted that Emanuel Camerada of the Cleveland meeting of 1928, was in attendance and Vincent Rao of the Apalachin meeting of 1957 was in attendance. Information has also been received that a meeting was held at a hotel in Miami during March of 1953, wherein Frank Sgalice and his son-in-law, Giacomo Scarpulla of the Bronx Mafia were in attendance.

There are reports of a Mafia meeting in the home of Tony ACCARDO at 915 Franklin Avenue, River Forest, Illinois, on July 4, 1954. There are other reports that another meeting was held at a hotel somewhere in Chicago on July 29, 1954, wherein Johnny Torrio of New York and formerly of Chicago, was present as an arbitrator to settle some dispute.

There have been other such meetings, but seldom have they ever been uncovered or concrete evidence developed to prove that they did in fact take place. The uncovering of the meeting at Apalachin, New York on October 14, 1957 by the New York State Police is indeed a noteworthy achievement in the annals of law enforcement.

And so to recapitulate chronologically, we have the meeting in Cleveland in 1928, the meetings in Florida in 1952 and 1953, the meetings in Chicago in 1954, the Binghamton meeting of 1956 and the Apalachin meeting of November 14, 1957. Call these meetings what you will - a crime convention, a meeting of the syndicate, of the Union Sicillione, the Black Hand or the Mafia. We, of the Federal Bureau of Narcotics, prefer to call these Mafia meetings.

The Narcotics Bureau has been interested in the Mafia, as such, for approximately 18 years and particularly this meeting in 'palachin because of the presence of three convicted narcotic violators of major importance and several persons long reported and suspected of financing and masterminding the importation and distribution of narcotics in the United States. We are convinced that there was a prominent place on the agenda at Apalachin for the discussion of the manufacture abroad, the importation and distribution of narcotics in the United States.

The Mafia in its present form is generally considered to have been organized in Sicily during the late 18th Century as a resistance to the Bourbon-French conquest of the Island, but to have rapidly degenerated into a society of criminals. The Mafia society as it is taken today must be considered synonymous with or the outgrowth of the old Black Hand and Union Sicillione.

We consider the Mafia a well organized secret fraternal order originating ~~from the Palermo area of Sicily~~ from the Palermo area of Sicily. Its members with few exception are all of Sicilian origin and are located in every prosperous city in the world, principally cities of Europe and North and South America, where the profits in crime are the most lucrative.

The business of the Mafia is what we term the commercial crimes that prey on man's human weaknesses, such as the illicit narcotics traffic, organized prostitution, counterfeiting, bootlegging, organized gambling, loan sharking and extortion.

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When the opportunity presents itself the Mafia moves into legitimate business selecting ventures where their strong arm tactics and cash resources will quickly bring large profits.

Our extensive narcotic investigations of various members of the Mafia fraternity during the past 15 years has repeatedly shown a pattern of either infiltration or complete dominance of several legitimate fields including organized labor with the follow-up labor management ventures, the distribution of beer, liquor and soft drinks, the importation and distribution of Italian olive oil, cheese and tomato paste, the control of wholesale fruit and vegetable product markets, the baking and distribution of Italian bread and pastry, the vending machine business of all types, including cigarette machines and juke boxes, the operation of night clubs, restaurants and bars. Their night club operations are frequently complemented through their interests in model and theatrical booking agencies and in musical recording companies.

Mafia members use "front people" who are completely trusted, as the means to own and operate these various legitimate interests. By doing this they overcome licensing and income tax problems. Although legally in our courts of law a "front man" or their ostensible owner of record could eliminate the actual owner from these businesses, one would never do so as this would bring certain death. This is ever if seldom done as these "front men" or owners of record are usually a Mafia brother of minor rank and ability, but with no criminal record or unwelcome reputation, or the members of the family of the actual owner.

To establish themselves in the community in order to further their legitimate enterprises and cloak their illicit operations, Mafia members conduct a well planned program of ingratiating themselves with people of all walks of life. Their modus operandi calls for interest and activity in community and church affairs. They contribute outwardly and generously to charities and lead an ostensibly quiet family life. They are ever ready to entertain and do favors for the right people.

The Mafia, as a secret society, has never been completely uncovered or exposed. However, down through the years there have been many published studies of the Mafia written by qualified persons (Cesare Bruni - "Sicily and the Mafia"; Antonio Cutrera - "The Mafia and Mafiosi"; Alexander Nelson Hood - "Sicilian Studies" and Alongi, La Mafia, Michael Mori, "With the Mafia at the Iron Court") and from them we learned that the cardinal virtue of a Mafia member is humility, prescribing an honorable, fearless criminal without braggadocio or truculence.

The following other duties are required of the Mafia member:

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1. Reciprocal aid to all members in any case of need whatsoever.
  2. An absolute obedience to the officers of the society.
  3. An offense received by one of the members must be considered an offense to the entire society and must be avenged at any cost.
  4. Never recur to governmental authorities under any circumstance for justice.
  5. Never reveal the names of members or any other secret of the society.

It is difficult to say who is eligible to join the Mafia or who joins it today, whether there is a formal joining or whether members through family tradition are just born into the Mafia.

However it appears to us that one becomes a member only through family sponsorship, such as father sponsoring son, uncle sponsoring nephew, father-in-law sponsoring son-in-law and brother sponsoring brother. Also by design the Mafia fraternal ties are strengthened through inter-marriage which brings about an increase of loyalty to the society through the ensuing blood and family ties.

Between 1885 and the present day Mafia members have immigrated to the United States and settled in almost every principal city in the United States. In the last 35 years most of the Mafia immigrated to the United States from Sicily has been either clandestine or fraudulent. Many of these criminals fled Sicily to escape arrest and prosecution for crimes or to seek more lucrative fields for crime in the new world.

The first Mafia members who came to the United States lived as parasites on the great wave of the Sicilian and Italian immigrants who sought the new way of life in America.

The Mafia-Black Hand criminals through violence, the threat of violence, kidnapping, murder and a general reign of terror, extorted vast sums of money from thousands of frightened hard working Italian immigrants. What they could not extort these gangsters gradually gained through their swindles and crooked lotteries. With the coming of prohibition no group was better qualified to assume a dominant role in the golden age of crime in the United States than the Mafia. During the prohibition era Mafia members extended themselves through every part of the United States to carry out their traffic in illicit narcotics and liquor.

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With the end of prohibition we find members of this fraternity continuing in their distribution of narcotics, increasing their activities in organized gambling, counterfeiting and prostitution. During World War II we find them engaged in the black marketing of sugar, meat, motor tires and in the counterfeiting of ration stamps.

Wherever the Mafia fraternity has gone the members have developed working arrangements with other mobs of the particular country, or with mobs in this country of various national origins. Non-Mafia gangsters often prefer doing business with a Mafia man because of his known reliability.

In almost every large city in the western world Mafia members are usually strong enough not to be pushed around or suppressed by rivals. However, our files indicate they prefer alliances and working agreements rather than open competition and the ensuing gang warfare.

The organization of Murder, Inc. is an excellent example wherein the Mafia allied itself with members of the Jewish underworld in the late 1930's. During the prohibition era we find Mafia members working closely with the old Irish mobs of New York City's West Side and Greenwich Village in bootlegging and narcotics. Today we find particularly in New York and other parts of the country, Mafia members aligning themselves with negro and Puerto Rican and many other underworld elements to further their narcotic, bootlegging and policy operations.

The Mafia throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico, Cuba, Italy and France is a fraternal organization divided into many different mobs, gangs, rings, syndicates or conspiracies. Members of the fraternity belong to one or more such groups which are often temporary in nature, organized usually to carry out one particular enterprise or venture such as the importation and distribution of narcotics or the operation of a gambling casino.

Policy, areas of influence, mutual cooperation in carrying out these various activities is arranged through the Mafia Grand Council. Rather than being one great unified crime syndicate, the Mafia is a union or association of many syndicates composed of Mafia members and adhering to the tradition and policy making directives of the order.

For example, at Apalachin the 58 identified conferees were in all likelihood not members of one conspiracy, but individuals who at different times over the years have been engaged with each other in many various commercial criminal ventures.

Palermo, Sicily is the ancient city and stronghold of the Mafia. From this city Mafia mobsters still operate throughout Sicily, Italy, Europe and Africa in commercial crimes, specializing at the present time in the smuggling of narcotics and cigarettes, bootlegging and kidnapping. They as recently as 1955 launched a reign of terror in the Palermo area to control the produce market of that city and the lucrative citrus fruit trade.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Albany

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM  
ANTI-RACKETEERING

DATE: January 29, 1958

There are enclosed copies of the testimony of [redacted] District Supervisor, Bureau of Narcotics, before the New York State Joint Legislative Committee on Government Operations which was held on 1-9-57 at Albany, New York. [redacted] in his testimony mentions the activities of a number of hoodlums who attended the Apalachin meeting at the home of Joseph Barbara, Sr., at Apalachin, New York, on November 14, 1957. [redacted] also advances his reasons as to the purpose of the Apalachin meeting. For your information [redacted] is being interviewed by the New York Office concerning his testimony before the New York State Joint Legislative Committee on Government Operations.

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Sufficient copies of this letter and sufficient enclosures are being furnished so that each office will have a copy of the testimony relating to the top hoodlums under investigation in its division.

## Enclosures (3)

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1 - Denver - Enc.  
2 - Miami - Enc. (2)  
5 - Newark - Enc. (5)  
20 - New York - Enc. (20)  
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TITLE OF CASE: THOMAS LUCHESE, was.:  
Gaetano Lucchese (TN), Thomas  
Arra, Pats Brown, Four Finger  
Brown, Three Finger Brown, Tommy  
Brown, Thomas Lucase, Thomas  
Luckese, Thomas Lusche  
Report made by: [redacted]      Typed By: [redacted]

CHARACTER OF CASE  
ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Subject observed 1/13/58 at employment. Death of subject's father, births of his son and daughter verified. [redacted] daughter, marriage to THOMAS GAMBINO, Jr., whose father is top hood, verified. ROSE LUCKESE's, subject's sister, marriage to JOSEPH ROSATO (top hood) verified. Current residence in NY area of subject's brothers, ANTHONY LUCKESI, JOSEPH LUCKESE and JAMES LUCKESE obtained. STEFANO LA SALLA and [redacted] associates of subject in November, 1957. Numerous business enterprises subject formerly interested in no longer in existence. Credit information on RICHARD J. BURKE and [redacted] subject's attorneys, set forth. Reported subject in 1957 interested in Sano Textile, Inc. and silent partner in Interstate Dress Carriers, both NYC.

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A. PERSONAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

1. Employment

During a spot surveillance on January 13, 1958, conducted on the subject's place of employment, State Fabrics, at 821 East 160th Street, Bronx, New York, the subject was observed to enter the premises at 9:50 a.m. and leave at 10:15 a.m.

A photograph of the entrance to this concern was obtained and is maintained in New York files.

2. Residences

Five different photographs of subject's residence, a brick ranch type home at 74 Royat Street, Lido Beach, Long Island, New York, were obtained and are being maintained in New York Office files.

Records of the Nassau County Board of Elections, Mineola, New York, were checked by SA [redacted] who reported the following information reflected therein concerning individuals/above mentioned residence:

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GAETANO LUCCHESI, born December 1, 1899, 5'5", brown eyes, married, registered in 1956. Last voted 1948 from address 106 Parsons Boulevard, Malba, Queens.

There is no mention of subject's wife and information concerning subject's son and daughter will be set forth later in this report.

The records of T-2, another investigative agency, reflects the following information concerning the subject's residence:

As of August 24, 1956, subject resided at 74 Royat Street, Lido Beach, Long Island, New York. The house was

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built in 1952 at a reported cost of \$60,000 in the name of subject's son and daughter. In December, 1952, this home appeared closed for the winter. However, in March, 1953, subject was residing there. Telephone [redacted] listed to [redacted] at [redacted] was changed to [redacted] on February 18, 1953.

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Concerning the subject's residence at 106 Parsons Boulevard, Queens, where he apparently lived from some time in the early 1940's, there are two parcels of land at the Parsons Boulevard address. Deed number 1, Section 18, Block 4341, Liber number 4558, page 406, on April 18, 1942, was sold to CONCETTA LUCKESE of 1093 Briarwy, Palisades, New Jersey. Down payment was made of \$8000, a mortgage for \$6500 to be paid up by April 29, 1957.

Deed number 2, Section 18, Block 4341, Liber 4774, page 550, to CONCETTA LUCKESE, who acquired it in 1943 at a total cost of \$1900.

T-2's records reflect that up to that date, December 8, 1954, the taxes were paid on this property by CONCETTA LUCKESE.

T-2's records reflect that in 1941 the subject resided at 1093 Briarwy, N.D., Palisades, New Jersey, phone Cliffside 6-1815.

It is noted that the marriage license records of subject's sister reflected that on April 8, 1934, the subject and his wife, KITTY, were residing at 40 East 88th Street, New York City.

At some unknown time, subject resided at 100-18 Northern Boulevard, Corona, Queens, New York. It is noted that the birth record of subject's daughter reflected that subject in June, 1931, resided at 100-18 Northern Boulevard, Corona, Queens.

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It is noted that the birth records of subject's son in [ ] reflected the subject then resided at 3238 97th Street, Corona, Queens.

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The Suffolk County court records reflect that in court action against the subject in 1921, subject then resided at 1997 Second Avenue, New York City. This was also subject's address on his marriage license in 1927.

### 3. Immediate Relatives

#### (a) Parents

BALDESSARO LUCKESE, subject's father, was reported to have died in 1937 at the age of 68.

The subject's record at Sing Sing Prison in 1922 reflects his father's name as JOHN LUCKESE.

Subject's marriage license record in Queens, New York, reflects the subject's father as BALDWIN.

On February 4, 1958, SA [ ] checked the records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics (BVS) for Queens and reported the following information:

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Death Certificate number 3931 on BALDASARRE LUCCHESI, then 67 years old, residing at 100-18 Northern Boulevard, Corona, died on May 22, 1936, from angina pectoris. He was a white male, occupation barber, whose wife was FRANCISCA. He had been a resident of the United States and New York City for 25 years. His parents were given as VINCENZO LUCCHESI and ROSALIA PALAZOTTO. The deceased and his parents were born in Italy. He was buried at Calvary and the undertaker was the Cordovano Undertaker Company, 2083 Second Avenue. The doctor was [ ] or [ ] (not completely legible), M.D.  
or [ ]

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Subject's mother, FRANCES LUCHESE, nee ANGUEMANNI, in 1952 resided at 99-22 31st Avenue, Corona, New York.

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T-3, whom contact with has been insufficient to determine his reliability, advised on January 21, 1958, that as of late October or early November, 1957, subject's mother resided at 32-47 100th Street, Corona, New York. She lives alone in a second floor apartment, is very old, and is in the hospital a great deal. Consequently, her apartment is vacant some of the time. A [redacted] is apparently the owner of this residence and lives [redacted]

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(b) Wife and Children

CONCETTA LUCKESE, nee VASSALLO, also known as Catherin Kitty, resides with subject at 74 Royat Street, Lido Beach, Long Island, New York.

On January 16, 1958, SA [redacted] checked the records of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV), New York City, and reported the following information:

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A 1956-1959 operator's number 7166102 was issued to CONCETTA A. LUCKESE of 74 Royat Street, Lido Beach. She was a white female, born June 2, 1908, in New York City. She was described as being 5'3", 125 pounds, brown hair and eyes.

A check of automobile registrations determined that a black 1956 Cadillac coupe was registered in her name and had 1957 New York license plate number 5R-9190.

[redacted] also known as [redacted] resides at [redacted]

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The Nassau County Board of Election records reflect that [redacted] registered to vote from the above address on October 13, 1956. He last voted in 1948 from [redacted]. He was described as being born on [redacted]

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advised on December 12, 1957, that the [redacted] resides with [redacted] at this address. T-9 stated that he is a [redacted]

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On February 5, 1958, SA [redacted] checked the records of the BVS, Queens, and reported the following information:

Birth certificate number [redacted] reflects that [redacted] was born [redacted]. He was a white male, born on this date while residing at [redacted]. Parents were THOMAS LUCKESE, age 29, born Italy, and CONCETTA LUCKESE, nee Vassallo, age 20, born United States, housewife. The number of children born of this mother, including this birth, was one. The physician was WALTER J. NORRIS, 30 48th Street, Corona.

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On January 16, 1958, SA [redacted] checked the records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York on [redacted] with negative results.

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SA [redacted] contacted [redacted] of the Telephone Company, New York City, who furnished the following information:

Telephone number [redacted] is listed to [redacted]. It is a private house, residence type of service, and was connected in February, 1952. The bills are sent to him and he is a [redacted]. He reportedly does business with [redacted].

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[redacted] also known as [redacted] resides at [redacted].

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On January 15, 1958, SA [redacted] checked the Queens BVS and reported the following information:

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Marriage license number [ ] reflects that [ ]  
[ ] a white female, residing at [ ]  
[ ] applied for a license with [ ]  
a white male of [ ]

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Concerning the bride, she was born on [ ]  
in [ ] to THOMAS, born in Italy, and CONCETTA VASALLO,  
born United States of America. Concerning the groom, he was  
born on August 23, 1929, in Brooklyn, father is CARLO, born  
in Italy, and CATHERINE CASTELLANO, born United States of  
America. It indicated this was the first marriage for both.  
The records reflect that they were married on [ ]  
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Witnesses were [ ]

It is noted that THOMAS F. GAMBINO's father is  
CARLO GAMBINO (top hood), who attended the alleged Mafia  
convention at Appalachin, New York, on November 14, 1957.

On January 15, 1958, SA [ ]  
checked records of BVS for Queens, New York, and reported  
the following information:

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Birth certificate [ ] reflects that [ ]  
[ ] was born on [ ] while residing at [ ]  
[ ] Parents were THOMAS  
LUCKESE, age 31, born Italy, occupation-Importer, and  
CONCETTA VASSALLO LUCKESE, age 22, born United States, both  
of 100-18 Northern Boulevard address. The number of  
children born to this mother now living and including this  
birth are two. Physician was WALTER J. NORRIS of either  
30 48th Street or 30-48 20th Street, Corona, Queens.

(c) Brothers and Sisters

BEATRICE LOTARDO, nee LUCKESE, married sister of  
subject, now a widow, last known address in 1949 at 100-18  
Northern Boulevard, Queens.



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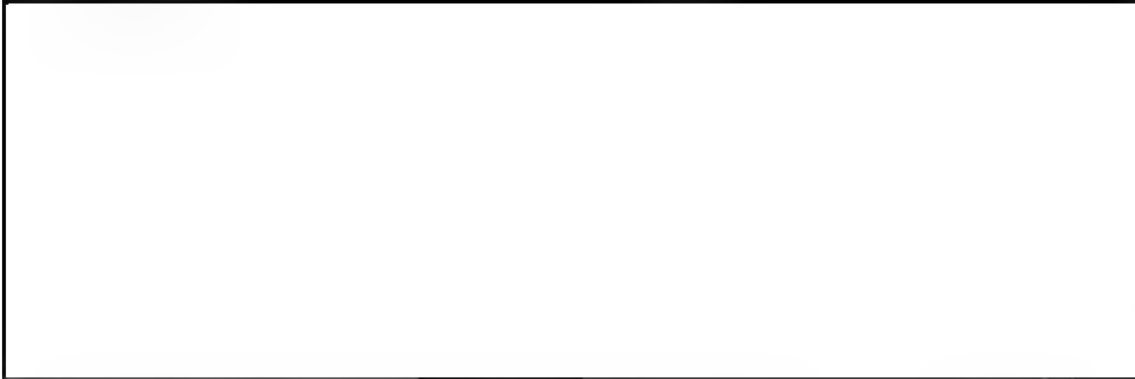
The records of T-2 reflect as of 1942 she still resided at the above address. The records failed to reflect any other addresses more current than 1942.

T-4, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on January 14, 1958, that he has no knowledge of a BEATRICE LOTARDO having moved from the above-mentioned address.

T-5, who was in a position to furnish reliable information.

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On January 23, 1958, SA [redacted] checked the records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York on BEATRICE LOTARDO with negative results.

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On January 21, 1958, SA [redacted] checked the BMV records, New York City, on BEATRICE LOTARDO and reported he was unable to locate any current driver's license or a 1957 or 1958 registration.

ANTHONY LUCKESE, also known as ANTHONY LUCKESI, brother, who previously was reported to be 45 years of age in 1949, and then resided at 99-22 31st Avenue, Corona, Queens, New York.

Records of T-2 reflect that in May, 1954, he and his wife, ANGELINA, resided at the above-mentioned address. He was then employed by the Precision Manufacturing Co., 48-15 108th Street, Corona, Queens. The owner of this business was MATTHEW FORELLI. In September, 1957, they resided at 35-15 75th Street, Jackson Heights, Queens. In 1942 ANTHONY resided at 99-22 31st Avenue, Queens, New York.

T-4 advised on January 14, 1958, that ANTHONY and ANGELINA LUCKESE moved from 37-09 75th Street, Jackson Heights, Queens, in October, 1956, to their current address of 35-15 75th Street, Jackson Heights, Queens, New York.

T-3, previously described, advised on January 21, 1958, that since September, 1956, ANTHONY has resided in Apartment 209 at 35-15 75th Street, Queens. He is believed

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to be associated with the Central Lathing Company, Gun Hill Road, Bronx. He has a non-published phone number. He drives a 1956 dark grey Oldsmobile, 1957 New York plate 8K-6698, which he parks on the street. His wife, ANGELINA, works for Robinson and Schoenfeld, Varick Street, New York City.

On January 21, 1958, SA [redacted] checked the records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York, as furnished by [redacted] and reported the following information:

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A report of March 12, 1948, on ANTHONY and MAUD A. LUCKESE of 423 East 85th Street, New York City, reflected he was then 45 years old, married and have two children. They resided at this address for eight years in Apartment 3E. The record reflects that it appears they own a 1947 Mercury which he hired out as a private chauffeur deal and was known as TONY the Driver. The report reflected that Bloomingdale's had inquired and they had an account at Macy's, number 10-31-3463. He did his banking at the Irving Savings Bank.

On January 20, 1958, SA [redacted] checked the records of BMV, New York City, and reported the following information:

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ANTHONY LUCHESE, born June 10, 1903, residing at 35-15 75th Street, Jackson Heights, Queens, had 1955-1958 operator's license number 429 1538. He was described as white male, 5'8", 160 pounds, Brown eyes and hair. Former address of 32-47 100th Street, Corona, Long Island, and present employment was with Central Lathing Company, 1343 Gun Hill Road, Bronx, New York. He had a 1957 auto registration plate number 8K6698. It was issued for a 1956 grey Oldsmobile coupe.

ROSE ROSATO, nee LUCKESE, also known as Rosalie Luchese, Rosalia Lucchese, sister of subject, whose New York residence is 34-31 81st Street, Queens, New York.

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On January 14, 1958, the records of the Marriage License Bureau of Queens were checked. Certificate number 718, dated February 13, 1934, listed the groom as JOSEPH ROSATO, white, of 80-05 13th Avenue, Brooklyn, age 30, born Italy, to JOSEPH and ANGELIA ROSATO, nee Puccio.

The bride was listed as ROSALIE LUCKESE, white, of 100-18 Northern Boulevard, Corona, age 28, born in Italy to BALDASSO and FRANCES LUCKESE, nee AINQUEMANI.

Record reflects that they were married on April 8, 1934, at Our Lady of Sorrows, 104-11 37th Avenue, Corona,

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in the presence of Father NOLAN and witnessed by THOMAS and KITTY LUCHESE of 40 East 88th Street, New York City.

On January 14, 1958, SA [redacted] reviewed the files of the Queens County Clerk's Office, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, New York, which disclosed that Bureau of Naturalization, Certificate of Arrival, number 2-234776, notes that ROSALIA LUCHESE arrived at the Port of New York, New York, on November 22, 1911, aboard the "SS Duca d'Aosta." The above-mentioned file revealed that she was admitted to citizenship in the Supreme Court, Queens County, on May 23, 1935, and Certificate of Naturalization number 3947442 was issued this same date.

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Declaration of Intention number 46421, dated August 24, 1932, by ROSALIA LUCHESE of 100-18 Northern Boulevard, Corona, lists her occupation as milliner, age 26, born January 6, 1906, Palermo, Italy, complexion dark, hair brown, 5'5", weight 108 pounds.

It is noted that JOSEPH ROSATO is a top hood of the New York Office.

JOSEPH LUCKESE, brother of subject, whom it was reported resided in 1952 at 43rd Boulevard, Malba, Queens, and whose wife was NORA.

T-4 advised on January 14, 1958, that JOSEPH LUCKESE and his wife, NORA, are presently residing at 144-34 10th Avenue, Malba, Queens, New York.

Records of T-2 reflect that as of June, 1954, that on or about June 17, 1953, JOSEPH and NORA LUCKESE moved from 43rd Boulevard, Malba, Queens, to 144-34 10th Avenue, Malba, Queens. This is described as a new one-family home, and that JOSEPH was then employed by Talk-A-Vision, Inc., 205 West 57th Street, New York City. His home phone number was then Flushing 9-7432, installed in February, 1941, and listed to NORA.

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T-5, who is in a position to furnish reliable information, [redacted]

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On January 21, 1958, SA [redacted] checked the records of BMV, New York City, and reported the following information:

He was unable to locate any current driver's license or auto registration for JOSEPH LUCKESE and LUCHESE. He reported that a 1956-1959 operators license number 5091214 was issued to NORA LUCKESE of 144-34 10th Avenue, Malba, Queens. She was described as a white female, born January 12, 1913, 5'2", 130 pounds, brown eyes and hair. Her license failed to reflect a business address.

[redacted] further reported that he located the following two vehicles registered in 1957 to her:

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A 1957 grey four-door sedan, Oldsmobile, 1957 New York plate 2G-2051, and a 1957 pink convertible Oldsmobile, 1957 New York plate 2G-2050.

On January 21, 1958, SA [redacted] checked the records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York for JOSEPH LUCKESE and wife, NORA, with negative results.

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JAMES LUCKESE, also known as Jimmie, James J. Luckese, brother of subject, was previously reported to live in 1949 at 608 West 227th Street, New York City.

T-4 advised on January 14, 1954, that JAMES and TINA LUCKESE currently reside at 108 West 227th Street, Bronx, New York.

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The records of T-2 reflected that in 1949 JAMES LUCKESE resided at 31-25 98th Street, Corona, Queens, New York. These records did not reflect any other address for him more current than 1949.

T-5 [REDACTED]

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On January 21, 1958, SA [REDACTED] checked the records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York on JAMES LUCKESE with negative results.

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On January 22, 1958, SA [REDACTED] checked the records of BMV, New York City, on JAMES LUCKESE and TINA LUCKESE. He reported he was unable to locate any current driver's license or 1957 or 1958 auto registration.

B. CRIMINAL RECORD

As previously reported, the New York City Police Department record of subject reflects an arrest on October 2, 1921, for grand larceny, auto, for which he was convicted and sentenced to Sing Sing Prison. He was turned over to the Suffolk County authorities on January 19, 1922.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

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The records of the Suffolk County Court were reviewed. They reflected as follows:

THOMAS LUCHESE, also spelled Luckese, and JACK SPINA were co-defendants in an action brought in Suffolk

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County charging them with grand larceny for the theft of an automobile in Bay Shore, New York, on or about September 15, 1921.

The stolen car was recovered in New York City and the defendants were apparently first arrested by the New York City Police but the records in Suffolk are not clear as to this.

For clarity the prosecuting action, ~~ran~~ is being summarized and more complete information from the record will be set out later.

A Packard Touring, property of WILLIAM J. HARDING, valued \$2200 was stolen from Main Street, Bay Shore, New York, on September 15, 1921.

On October 14, 1921, information filed before Judge FREEMAN T. HULSE, Town of Islip, Bay Shore, New York, charging defendants with theft of car.

On October 14, 1921, warrant of arrest issued for KENNETH LUCHESE, corrected to THOMAS LUCHESE, and JACK SPINA by Justice HULSE.

Warrant executed October 17, 1921, by CHARLES A. TUTHILL, Constable, Islip Town.

Arraignment before HULSE in Bay Shore on October 17, 1921, both defendants pled not guilty.

On October 18, 1921, \$5000 bond made before Honorable GEORGE H. FURMAN, Suffolk County Judge.

On February 7, 1922, facts presented to Suffolk County Grand Jury, and true bill returned charging them with grand larceny, first degree.

February 20, 1922, arraignment held, plea not guilty, bond continued.



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March 27, 1922, Sentenced to not more than ten years or not less than 3 years, 8 months.

On December 11, 1957, [redacted] Investigator, and [redacted] Investigator, District Attorney's Office, Riverhead, New York, advised that they could not locate any file on LUCHESE. They were of the opinion the District Attorney's Office did not maintain folders or files on their cases in 1921.

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They had an index book which reflected that THOMAS LUCHESE and JACK SPINA in 1921 were charged with grand larceny, first degree. Their counsel was WILLIAM DODGE, whose [redacted] is currently [redacted]

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[redacted] Both subjects pled not guilty and both were found guilty in the mid term of 1922 and both subjects were sentenced to not more than ten years and not less than three years and eight months in Sing Sing.

A search of the county records was unproductive in locating the formal record of conviction of LUCHESE and SPINA. The record pertaining to the original action, arrest, information and hearing was located on micro-film. These records were hand written and apparently the information at the original arraignment and hearing was written by the Justice, FREEMAN T. HULSE, Town of Islip, Bay Shore, New York.

On October 14, 1921, the information against LUCHESE and SPINA was filed before Judge HULSE by WILLIAM HUNT, Islip Town Constable, charging the two defendants with grand larceny in the theft of a Packard automobile in Bay Shore, New York, on or about September 15, 1921.

On October 14, 1921, a warrant of arrest was issued by Justice FREEMAN T. HULSE naming the defendant KENNETH LUCHESE, corrected to THOMAS LUCHESE. This warrant was executed October 17, 1921, by CHARLES A. TUTHILL, Constable for the Town of Islip.

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The two defendants appeared before Judge HULSE on October 17, 1921, and at that time the defendants were advised of their rights. Both defendants requested that the hearing be adjourned as they wanted counsel from New York City. The hearing was adjourned until October 21, 1921, and bail was fixed at \$3,000. However, later the same day the two defendants asked for an immediate hearing and requested that they be tried jointly. Their counsel, who was not named, asked that the testimony be taken in written form.

The record reflects the complainant to be WILLIAM HARDING, age 42 (in 1921), a banker (or broker), who stated on September 15, 1921, at about 8:00 p.m., he left his car, a Packard Touring, valued at \$2200, on Main Street, Bay Shore, New York, in the possession of his chauffeur, JOHN BARILLE. At 10:00 p.m., the car was missing. Since that time he had seen and identified his car in the 57th Street New York City Police Garage.

Patrolman RUDOLPH UNGER, 34 East 129th Street, New York City, age 49, testified that he recovered instant car. He stated on October 2, 1921, at about 6:00 p.m. at 106th Street, New York City, he saw JOHN SPINA sitting in the Packard car bearing license 294-334. He asked SPINA who owned the car and he said THOMAS LUCHESE, 1997 Second Avenue, and that LUCHESE had gone to change clothes. When he questioned LUCHESE, he claimed he bought the car from SPINA. SPINA later produced a bill of sale, dated September 17, 1921, showing he had purchased the car from JAMES KELSO (not discernable), 154 West 58th Street, New York City, after seeing the car advertised in the "New York Evening Telegram."

UNGER stated he checked the paper and did not find any ad and he checked and found no such address and no such person as KELSO residing in the neighborhood.

JACK SPINA gave his age as 23, and said he was born at 300-111th Street, New York City, and he claimed

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he had resided at 310 East 106th Street for the past 22 years. He gave his occupation as shoe operator.

He claimed he purchased the car from JAMES KELSO (?) for \$1000 after seeing the car advertised in the paper.

THOMAS LUCHESE gave his age as 22, 1997 Second Avenue, New York City, born in Italy, but a United States citizen. He gave his occupation as grocer. (At a later date he gave his occupation as machinist and claimed birth in Palermo, Italy.)

LUCHESE claimed he purchased the car from SPINA and he had not had time to change the registration.

(Although the record does not<sup>so</sup> reflect, apparently after this hearing the subjects were sent to Suffolk County Jail, Riverhead, New York.)

On October 18, 1921, THOMAS LUCHESE was released on \$5000 bond made before Honorable GEORGE H. FURMAN, Suffolk County Judge. The bondsman was ABRAHAM SOLOMON, Fidelity and Casualty Company of New York, Pioneer Bonding Company of United States, 92 Liberty Street, New York City.

Mr. CLOTHIER H. VAUGHN, Clerk for Suffolk County, located the indictment, number 262, returned against LUCHESE and SPINA on February 7, 1922, charging them with grand larceny in that on or about September 15, 1921, the defendants unlawfully and feloniously took, stole, and carried away a Packard automobile, property of WILLIAM T. HARDING, valued at more than \$500 with intent to deprive the owner thereof and appropriate the same to the use of the defendants, THOMAS LUCHESE and JACK SPINA.

The indictment was signed by LEROY M. YOUNG, District Attorney for Suffolk County.

This indictment bears the following handwritten notation:

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Pled not guilty  
Counsel WILLIAM C. DODGE  
March 15, 1922

Verdict guilty, remanded to custody of sheriff--  
sentence set for March 27, 1922. Sentenced March 27, 1922,  
for not more than ten years and not less than three years  
and eight months in Sing Sing.

[redacted] produced a book of minutes which  
reflected that the defendants were called for February  
15, 1922, but did not appear and the case was adjourned  
for March 20, 1922. On March 22, 1922, they pled not  
guilty and bail was continued.

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This record reflected that the following persons  
appeared as witnesses for the defendants:

THOMAS LUCHESE  
PETER MERLEN  
PETER MAZZOCHI  
GEORGE PASSIONE  
JOSEPH DEROSA  
JACK SPINA.

This record reflected that LUCHESE gave his place  
of birth to be Palermo, Italy, and his occupation machinist.

The trial records could not be located at this  
time. [redacted] stated if they were needed he would cause  
a complete search to be made and he could probably locate  
the other records pertaining to this case.

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[redacted] stated so far as he knew TUTHILL,  
WILLIAM HUNT, Judge FURMAN, former District Attorney YOUNG,  
and WILLIAM DODGE, defense counsel, were all deceased.

On December 8, 1957, SA [redacted] contacted  
Detective [redacted] Identification Bureau, Patrolman  
[redacted] General Records Room, and Lieutenant

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[redacted] Detective Bureau, all Cleveland Police Department. They all advised that they were unable to locate any record regarding the subject's arrest on July 4, 1931.

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On January 23, 1958, SA [redacted] reviewed subject's record at Sing Sing Prison, their number 73617. He reported that the records of Sing Sing in 1922 were not very complete in comparison to current record. Although a thorough search was made, he was unable to determine from the record the date of his admission or discharge because they had not been inserted in subject's record.

It is noted that T-15 who was in a position to furnish reliable information concerning subject's background, advised subject was paroled from Sing Sing, December 13, 1924, and was discharged from parole on March 21, 1929.

SA [redacted] reported that from the record, it was determined that subject had been sentenced to a minimum of three years and eight months to ten years for grand larceny, first degree, from Suffolk County. He was born in Palermo, Italy, was a machinist by occupation.

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The following were his listed <sup>as</sup> approved correspondents of immediate relatives:

Parents	FRANCES and JOHN
Sisters	ETHEL ROSE BEATRICE
Brothers	TONY JOSEPH JAMES.

At that time they all resided at 1997 Second Avenue, New York City.

#### C. ASSOCIATES

T-9, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that BERNARD HAUSMAN of 68 Royat Street, Lido

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Beach, and a teacher at Mineola High School, is a friend of the subject.

The following investigation concerning HAUSMAN was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

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On January 22, 1958, [REDACTED] Clerk, Nassau County Board of Elections, Mineola, New York, advised that a permanent registration was filed in 1955 by BERNARD HAUSMAN, 66 Royat Street, Lido Beach, New York. He was born on December 25, 1917, in the United States, was 5'9", brown hair and eyes and married.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] was born on [REDACTED] in the United States. She was described as 5'4" tall, brown hair, hazel eyes, and married.

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On January 22, 1958, the Realty records of the County Clerk's Office, Mineola, New York, were examined and reflected that deed dated June 11, 1951, The Dumes Club Corporation conveyed 68 Royat Street, Lido Beach, to BERNARD [REDACTED] HAUSMAN, whose address on the deed was shown as 68 Royat Street. The conveyance was subject of a \$10,500 mortgage held by the Lawrence Cedarhurst Federal Savings and Loan Association, Cedarhurst, New York. The mortgage was assigned to the Immigrant Industrial Savings Bank on August 10, 1955.

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On January 23, 1958, [REDACTED] Lawrence Cedarhurst Federal and Loan Association, Cedarhurst, New York, advised that BERNARD HAUSMAN's application and background data had been sent to the Immigrant Industrial Savings Bank when the mortgage was assigned to that institution in 1955.

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On January 22, 1958, [REDACTED] Nassau County Clearing Bureau, Freeport, New York, advised he had no information on BERNARD HAUSMAN.

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On January 23, 1958, T-10, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that BERNARD HAUSMAN had worked at the Long Beach Post Office during the Summers and Christmas week of 1956 and 1957. He advised that HAUSMAN resides at 68 Royat Street, is a teacher of English at Mineola High School, where he has taught since 1947. He attended Hofstra College, 1936-1940, Hicksville High School, graduated in 1935. He was previously employed as a concession manager of Jones Beach Catering Corporation, Wantagh, New York, 1936-1940, 1945-1947. He was in the United States Army from November 26, 1940, to March 27, 1945, with Army Serial Number 12021312. T-10 stated that he has a veterans disability preference of ten points due to "hypertension-control". HAUSMAN was born on December 25, 1917, in New York, New York, has Social Security Number 114-09-3325, is 5'9", weighs 185 pounds, and has telephone number GE 1-5365.

According to T-10, HAUSMAN's wife, [redacted] is an Italian girl, but he did not know if she was related to the LUCKESE family. The HAUSMAN's have two children and have resided at Lido Beach for at least eight years, having originally come from Hicksville, New York. BERNARD's father is NATHAN HAUSMAN of 631 West Market Street, Long Beach, New York, retired, who formerly owned "Duffy's Liquor Store" in Long Beach. BERNARD's brother is SIDNEY HAUSMAN, 138 East Walnut Street, Long Beach, New York, who owns the liquor store "Hicks Liquor" at 330 Hicks Street, Brooklyn, New York.

T-10 advised that the HAUSMAN's enjoy a good reputation in Long Beach.

On January 23, 1958, Lieutenant [redacted] Nassau County Police Department, Mineola, New York, advised he had no record for BERNARD HAUSMAN.

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The records of T-2, previously mentioned, reflected, as of August, 1956, the following to be associates of the subject:

FRANK ERICKSON, FRANK COSTELLO, MIKE MIRANDI, ANTHONY CARFANO, all of whom are top hoodlums of the New York Office.

As of November 18, 1957, STEFANO LA SALLA, with alias, Steve La Salla, B #24467, residing at 98-76 Queens Boulevard, Forest Hills, New York, was an associate of the subject. LA SALLA was suspected, according to T-2, of being close to the subject and being involved in some way with subject's activities as LA SALLA originally came from the 106th Street area.

As of November 18, 1957, T-2's records reflected that [redacted] of Sano Textiles, Inc., 204 East 107th Street, New York City, is an associate of the subject.

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(a) Contacts

T-7, who has furnished reliable information in the past, was contacted during the investigative period and advised that [redacted]

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D. Criminal Activities

(a) Organized Crime

T-12. who has furnished reliable information in the past,

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T-14. who has furnished reliable information in the past.

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E. Legitimate Enterprises

The following organizations were previously reported as those in which, at some time or another, prior to November, 1952, that the subject has had a financial interest:

Malba Park Development Company  
Monica Modes  
Wararsing Sand and Gravel Company  
Ku Kris Kringle Company  
V & L Hat Company

The records of T-11.

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T-11's

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The records of T-2 reflected in March, 1953, at that time

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T-2's records further reflect that through investigation,  
it was determined that [redacted]

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T-2's records further reflect that [redacted]

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T-12, previously mentioned, advised on [redacted]

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It was previously reported that [redacted]

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[redacted]

During a physical surveillance of [redacted]

[redacted]

F. Places of Amusement and Hangouts Frequented

The records of T-2 reflect that in 1947 the subject

[redacted]

T-6, who has furnished reliable information in the past.

[redacted]

T-12, previously mentioned, advised on [redacted]

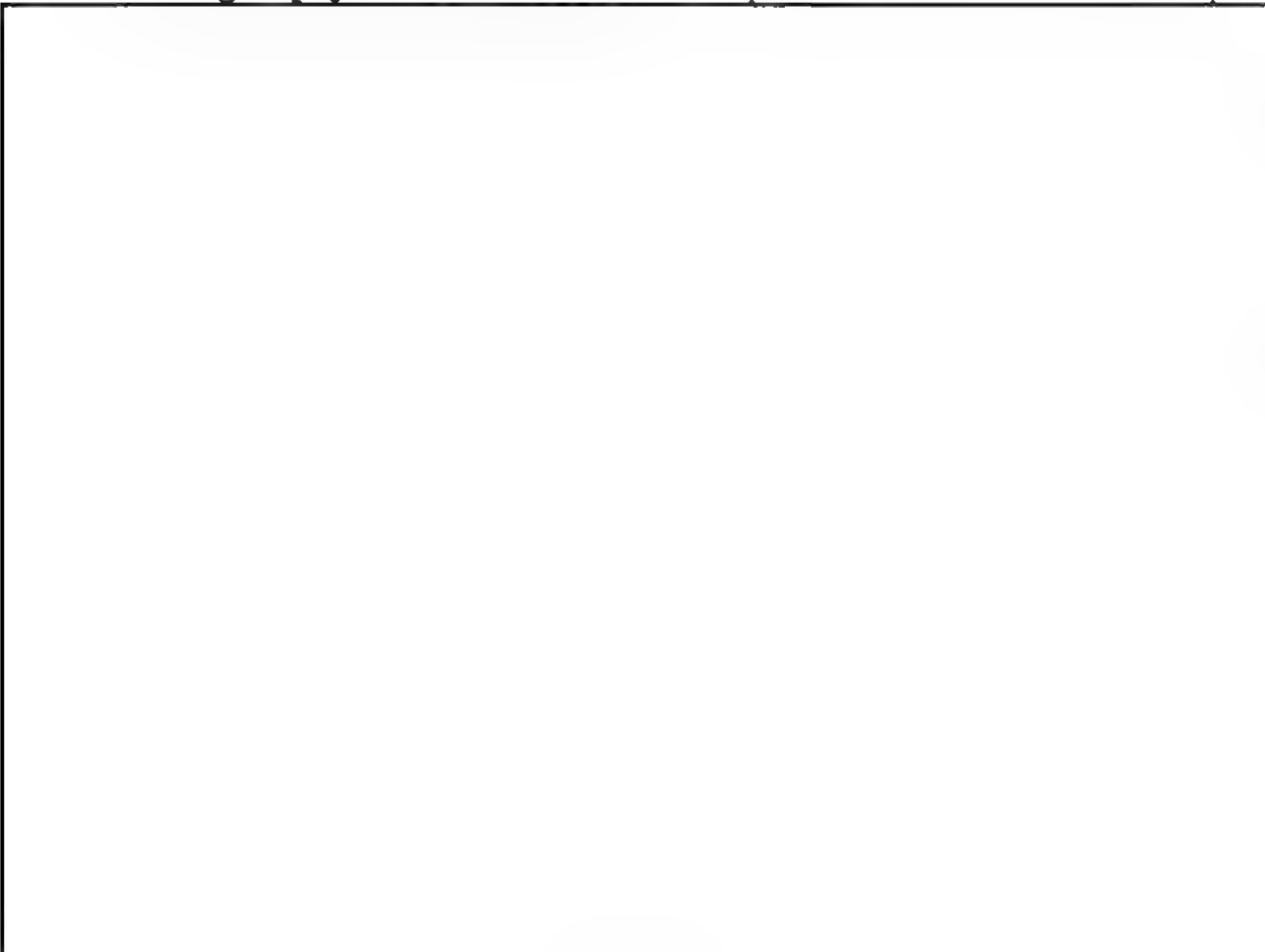
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G. Travel

During a physical surveillance of [redacted]

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MISCELLANEOUS

On January 20, 1958, T-13, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that [redacted] moved on March 8, 1954, from [redacted]

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T-4 advised on January 24, 1958, that the [redacted] moved from [redacted]

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[redacted]  
The Credit Bureau of Greater New York was checked on January 15, 1958, by SA [redacted] through [redacted] on RICHARD J. BURKE, one of subject's attorneys, [redacted] reported the following information:

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A report of May 19, 1950, showed that RICHARD J. and [redacted] lived at [redacted] Pelham Manor, New York, where they had resided since 1946. He was born in 1910 and their prior address for three years was [redacted]. He is a graduate of Fordham University, was admitted to the New York Bar in 1934, and is an attorney.

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Since 1935, he has been with Wegman, Epstein and Burke, 60 Wall Street, New York City, originally known as Wegman, Spack and Burke. Their offices are on the 23rd floor at this address.

The report further reflects that he was formerly a United States attorney, Department of Justice, Chief of Criminal Division. [redacted] was a free lance photographer and was formerly employed for ten years as a photographer for the Sterling Advertising Agency, 70 West 40th Street. They did business at the Bank of Manhattan, 40 Wall Street.

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The only trade listed in his file was with Lord and Taylor and they have had trouble with slow account concerning BURKE. The latest slow account is as of January 16, 1951, when he owed \$133.00. Since May of 1950 and June, 1950, an unidentified attorney was notified to collect. Lord and Taylor's account number is D56550. Under date of May 17, 1949, the Bank of Manhattan made an inquiry, their account number 8246-8.

On January 15, 1958, SA [redacted] reported the following information, as taken from the Credit Bureau's records concerning subject's other attorney, [redacted]

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A report dated May 25, 1945, shows that [redacted] and [redacted] were residing at [redacted] where they have lived for over five years. Previous address was [redacted] both [redacted]

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[redacted] He is a partner in the old law firm of Schwartz and Frohlich of 1405 Broadway. Old records of 1933 show [redacted] as a partner in the firm of Burkan and Frohlich, 1450 Broadway. Under the date of September 10, 1949, a notation reflects an office address change to 19 East 70th Street, telephone TRE4-5930. He banks both personally and business at National City Bank, Times Square Branch.

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The records reflect that his credit is clear. The latest information is that on July 5, 1950, they had a current account at Lane Bryant, 5th Avenue, and as of June 4, 1951, Rogers Peet Company inquired about him.

He has one son named [redacted] residing at [redacted] [redacted] In 1949, he had called the Credit Bureau about imposters using his account and mentioned that his father and mother, of [redacted] were out of town.

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T-16, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised [redacted]  
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T-17 and T-18, whom contact with has been insufficient to determine their reliability, advised [redacted]  
[redacted]

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T-1	Not utilized
T-2	Contacted on December 16 and 17, 1957, by SA [redacted]
T-3	Contacted on January 28, 1958, by SA [redacted]
T-4	Contacted on January 14 and 24, 1958, by SA [redacted]
T-5	Contacted on December 13, 1957, by SA [redacted]
T-6	Contacted on January 16, 1958, by SA [redacted]
T-7	Contacted on December 12, 1957, by SA [redacted]
T-8	Contacted on June 19, 1957, by SA [redacted]
T-9	Contacted on December 12, 1957, by SA [redacted]

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Contacted on January 23, 1958,  
by SA [redacted]

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T-11

[redacted]

Contacted on January 16, 1958,  
by SA [redacted]

T-12

[redacted]

Contacted on September 9, 1953  
by SA [redacted]

T-13

[redacted]

Contacted on January 20, 1958,  
by agents of the Newark Office

T-14

[redacted]

Contacted on January 27, 1958,  
by SA [redacted]

T-15

[redacted]

Contacted on November 6, 1952,  
by SA [redacted]

[redacted]

T-16

[redacted]

Contacted on January 16,  
1958, by SA [redacted]

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[redacted]

Contacted on January 22, 1958,  
by SA [redacted]

T-18

[redacted]

Contacted on January 16, 1958,  
by SA [redacted]



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Careful consideration has been given to the source concealed and "T" symbols were utilized in this report only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

ADMINISTRATIVE

The leads formerly set forth in NY report, 12/23/57, to further identify [redacted]

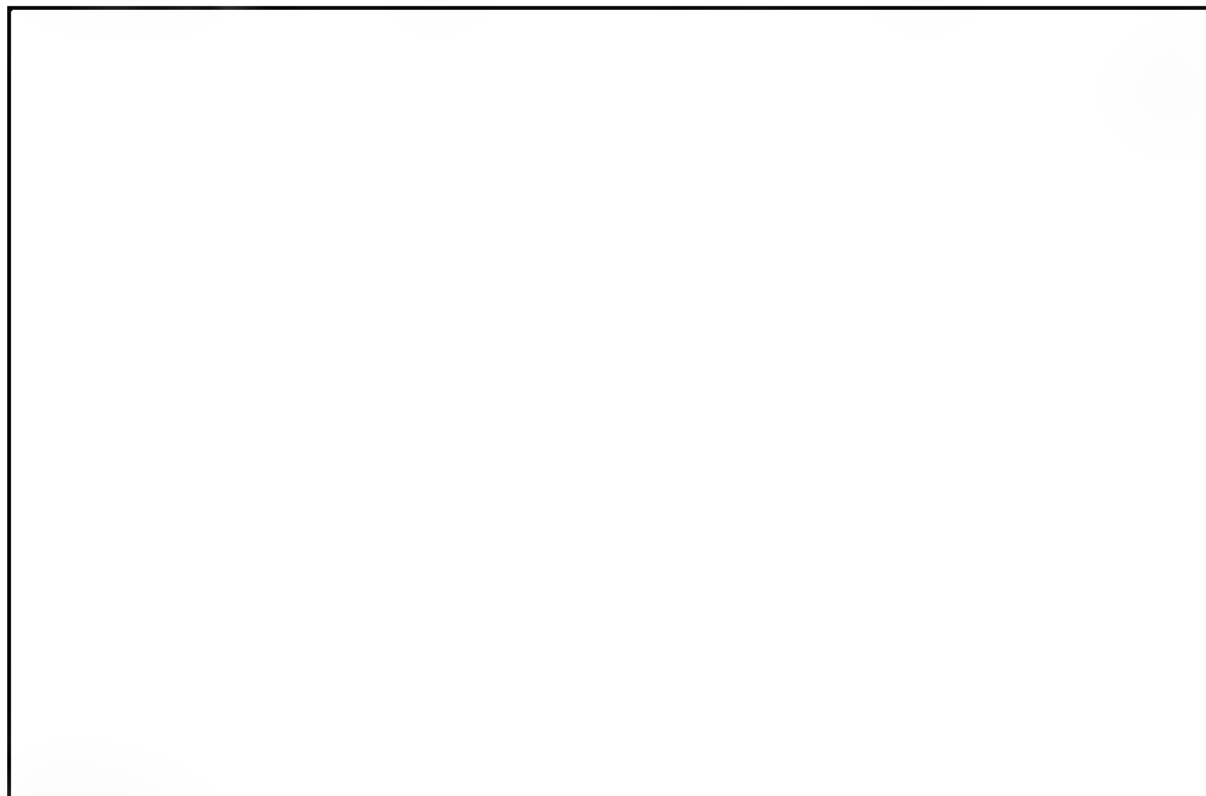
[redacted]  
and [redacted] are being placed in an undeveloped status because these persons are mentioned in reference to subject prior to 1955 in favor of following other leads set forth in this report, which will be more productive in developing more current and up-to-date information on the subject.

[redacted]  
Spot physical surveillances were conducted [redacted]  
[redacted]

INFORMANT COVERAGE

The following are criminal informants who can furnish information regarding subject's activities and what type of information they can furnish:

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LEADS

NEW HAVEN

At New Haven, Connecticut

Will check with appropriate source  
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license on [redacted]  
[redacted] obtaining birth dates, places, and  
physical descriptions of each.

Will conduct criminal checks on both.

Will check indices, review references, reflected for  
both and furnish NYO with pertinent information and especially  
derogatory information.

At South Norwalk, Connecticut

Will conduct credit and criminal checks on [redacted]  
[redacted]

Will attempt to develop, through appropriate police  
officials, background on them, such as length of time there,  
business connections, any criminal connections, etc.

NEWARK

At Newark, New Jersey

[redacted] Will contact the appropriate symbol criminal informants  
and develop any information they may have regarding [redacted]  
[redacted]

If any informants know the subject. will instruct them  
to keep NYO advised of [redacted]  
[redacted]

Will check the indices, review references on the subject,  
and his aliases and furnish any pertinent and, preferably,  
information as to subject's activities from 1956 to date.

Will attempt to locate subject's Selective Service  
records under the 1940 Act. Review same and furnish pertinent  
information to New York.

Will, in accordance with Bureau suggestion, review  
appropriate records at USDC relative to subject's admission  
as a United States citizen on January 25, 1943.

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At Palisades, New Jersey

Subject reportedly resided at 1093 Briarway, N. D., phone Cliffside 6-1815, in 1941. Will check with Palisades and Palisades Park Police Department for any record of subject.

In addition to the record check for arrest, will interview proper police official at both departments to determine if they have any so-called "intelligence" file on subject and, if positive, obtain pertinent information therefrom.

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At Kaska, Pennsylvania

Little is known of the subject's travel in the past or present, although he has been known to travel to New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Florida. [redacted]

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The Bureau has advised that it is imperative that sufficient coverage be instituted in order that any travel [redacted]

The above applies to the subject's [redacted] who appears to have business interests paralleling that of [redacted] and the LUCKESE family. It is not known, but appears that the subject's [redacted] is single and nothing is known of his family associates or current marital status.

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It is requested that appropriate steps be taken to develop a source or sources which can furnish [redacted]

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At Scranton, Pennsylvania

Will cover the above-mentioned lead as set out for Kaska.

At Slatington, Pennsylvania

Will cover the same lead as set forth above for Kaska, Pa.

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At Highland Falls, New York

(Suffern R.A.)

Will, at West Point Military Academy, review their records [redacted] and obtain the dates attended, personal background on him and relatives, type of student, and level of grades attended. Will specifically determine if they have any records of the identities and dates of all visitors while there and obtain same.

, At Maryknoll, New York

(White Plains R. A.)

Will contact Maryknoll [redacted]  
[redacted]

At Lido Beach, New York

(Mineola R. A.)

Will determine from [redacted] or other sources available the identity of [redacted] and of his employment and reputation.

Will recontact [redacted] and obtain any information he may have as to [redacted]  
[redacted]

At New York, New York

\*1. Will report results of efforts to verify subject's birth in Palermo, Italy.

\*2. Will review subject's INS file in possession of USA, EDNY.

Will obtain information on the Government's deportation proceedings, EDNY, and determine the present status of the Government's case on the deportation proceedings.

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\*3. Will check INS records on BEATRICE LATARDO, nee LUCKESE and ascertain present whereabouts.

\*4. Will contact the Federal Bureau of Narcotics for any additional pertinent information in their files on the subject.

\*5. Will review State Crime Commission records for any additional pertinent information on the subject not already in our possession.

\*6. Will develop background and current location of [redacted] and determine if she still associates with subject.

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\*7. Will endeavor to determine subject's current associates and modes of travel through sources and other investigative techniques.

\*8. Will determine current employment and marital status of [redacted]

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\*9. Will check INS records on subject's brother, ANTHONY LUCKESE.

\*10. Will check INS records on subject's brother, JOSEPH LUCKESE.

\*11. Will check INS records on subject's sister, ROSE ROSATO, nee LUCKESE, and report any additional pertinent information not in our possession.

\*12. Will attempt to learn the birth date, which will be about 1924, of subject's brother, JAMES LUCKESE, and verify same.

\*13. Will request the Identification Division, by separate communication, to review the military record of [redacted]  
[redacted]

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\*14. Will request the Bureau, by separate communication, to have investigation conducted in Italy to identify [redacted]  
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15. Will review the application of BERNARD HOUSEMAN for background data at the Immigrant Industrial Savings Bank, main branch, Lower Manhattan.

Will especially seek maiden name of his wife, [redacted] who is reported to be Italian and possibly a relative of the subject.

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16. Will conduct credit and criminal checks on STEFANO LA SALLA, B#24467.

Will check the indices and review references to further identify LA SALLA.

17. Will check the indices and review references to further identify [redacted] of Sano Textiles, an associate of subject.

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18. Will check [redacted]

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19. Will check [redacted]

20. Will contact and interview [redacted]

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21. Will, by separate letter, request the San Diego Division to determine the first name of [redacted] and furnish any pertinent information in their files regarding this person's association with any criminal element.

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22. Will, by separate communication, request the Chicago Division to [redacted]

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23. Will determine the employment of subject's son-in-law, THOMAS GAMBINO, Jr.

24. Will verify the birth of subject's wife, CONCETTA LUCKESE, nee VASSALLO, at New York City, on 6/2 or 28/08, obtaining background therefrom.

25. Will check the NYCPD and credit on STEPHAN LA SALLA.

26. Will check NYCPD and credit on [REDACTED]

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27. Will check the credit of subject and wife in effort to learn the F number of subject's reported tax lien.

(Availability of F number affords expeditious access to locating any tax lien on subject in New York area.)

28. Will attempt to locate and review subject's Selective Service record for the 1940 Act.

29. Attempt to determine degree of current associates and type of relationship between subject and other top hoods he allegedly associates with.

30. Will attempt to develop any information regarding Italian Mob or Syndicate and subject's association with such a group.

31. Will attempt to determine identity of persons corresponding with subject, except where name not indicated.

REFERENCES

NY report of SA [REDACTED] 12/23/57.  
NY airtel to Newark, 12/18/57.  
Newark airtel to NY, 1/21/58.  
NY airtel to New Haven, 1/17/58.  
New Haven airtel to NY, 1/20/58.  
NY airtel to Miami, 1/10/58.  
Miami airtel to NY, 1/28/58.  
NY airtel to Cincinnati, 1/28/58.

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (92-665)

FROM : SAC, CINCINNATI (92-160)

SUBJECT: THOMAS LUCHESE, Was.  
Three Finger Brown, Tom Brown,  
Tenny Brown  
TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM  
ANTI-RACKETEERING  
(OO: New York)

Re New York airtel to Cincinnati dated 1/28/58.

On 2/25/58, [redacted]

[redacted] was interviewed by SAs [redacted]

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cc: ② - New York (92-665)  
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One copy of this airtel is being furnished the Miami Division for their information in the event that New York Division desires [redacted] to be interviewed concerning captioned individual. Pertinent information pertaining to this case and appropriate leads to be set out for the interview of [redacted] are being left to the discretion of the Office of Origin.

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TO : SA [REDACTED]

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DATE: 2/14/58

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FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: Thomas Luchini, was.  
Three Finger Brown.  
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Re your memo 1-23-58 when is  
asked you [REDACTED]

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Please contact [REDACTED] and determine  
by exactly what he means by [REDACTED]

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*Will have the informant*



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TO : SAC (92-665)

DATE: 2-18-68

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: Thomas Luckey, [REDACTED]  
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REPORTING OFFICE <b>PHILADELPHIA</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE <b>3/6/58</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>1/16, 17, 20, 23, 2/3, 5, 7, 12, 19, 21/58</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>THOMAS LUCHESE, was., Gaetano Lucchese (TN), Thomas Arra, Fats Brown, Four Finger Brown, Three Finger Brown, Tommy Brown, Thomas Lucase, Thomas Luckese, Thomas Lucchese</b>		REPORT MADE BY <div></div>	TYPED BY <div></div>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ANTI-RACKETEERING</b>	

SYNOPSIS:

Investigation Pottsville, Pa., indicates NICHOLAS FIORILLO, owner, Kaska Manufacturing Company. since 1951. Information furnished by

Records Corporation Bureau, Harrisburg, Pa., fail to reflect LUCHESE as principal in interest Kaska Manufacturing Company.

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DETAILS: The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

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At Pottsville, Pa.

On January 16, 1958, a search was made of the Fictitious Names in the Business Index, Schuylkill County Courthouse, with negative results for any business beginning with the name Kaska.

The records of the Schuylkill County Credit Exchange, Inc., 210 South Centre Street, Pottsville, Pa., were made available by [redacted] on January 17, 1958. There was no record of Kaska Sportswear, Inc.

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A credit record dated May 29, 1956, for Kaska Manufacturing Company, Kaska, Pa., reflects the owner as NICHOLAS FIORILLO, wife, [redacted].

The report states FIORILLO has lived at this address a number of years, and describes him as married, age 47, three dependents, self-employed as dress manufacturer since 1951. Two sons [redacted] in college. Good credit.

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The files contain a record for NICHOLAS S. FIORILLO, also spelled FIORILLO, FIORILLO. In 1937 he was shown as formerly from Northampton, Pa. In 1939 he lived at 276 Florida Avenue, Shenandoah Heights, Pa. A report dated September 25, 1939, shows him at 276 Florida Avenue for five years, native, Italian, former residence 13 West Cherry, Shenandoah, Pa., for 15 years, occupation as barber for three years, and [redacted]

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On March 30, 1940, FIORILLO is shown as a cutter for Shrage and Pine Factory, Pottsville, Pa.

A report dated April 3, 1943, shows NICHOLAS FIORILLO, [redacted] formerly of [redacted] as cutter and assistant foreman for Palmer Shirt Manufacturing Company, Palmerton, Pa. Previous employment was with H. B. Bob Company, Frackville, Pa.

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A report dated March 3, 1945, shows NICHOLAS FIORILLO, [redacted] 177 Lehigh Avenue, Palmerton, Pa., foreman at Palmer Shirt Company.

A report dated August 28, 1947, shows NICHOLAS FIORILLO, 242 East Bacon Street, Palo Alto, Pa., as partner in F & F Manufacturing Company, Pottsville, Pa.

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A report dated December 12, 1952, reflects NICHOLAS FIORILLO, 242 East Bacon Street, Palo Alto, Pa., as owner of Kaska Manufacturing Company for a few years. Previously was in partnership with father in F & F Manufacturing Company.

A report dated February 9, 1953, shows NICHOLAS FIORILLO, wife, five children, [redacted] owner of Kaska Manufacturing Company, Kaska, Pa., dress factory.

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A report dated June 3, 1957, reflects NICHOLAS D. FIORILLO [redacted] wife and three dependents, owner of Kaska Sportswear Company, since 1951. One son in U. S. Army, and one son in college.

The 1957 City Directory for Pottsville, Pa., reflects the following information:

NICHOLAS G. FIORILLO [redacted], 242 East Bacon, foreman.

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[redacted]  
On January 17, 1958, Sergeant [redacted] Police Department, Shrewsbury, Pa., advised that he did not know NICHOLAS FIORILLO, but has known his [redacted] for many years. [redacted] is a [redacted] and has never been involved in any [redacted] matters.

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On January 20, 1958, [redacted] Kaska, Pa., advised that the Kaska Sportswear, Inc., is the only factory in Kaska, and it has always been operated by NICHOLAS FIORILLO of Palo Alto, Pa. The factory building is owned by [redacted] at the factory. [redacted] from [redacted] is the bookkeeper, but has been there only a few months. The previous bookkeeper, name unknown, was from [redacted] said the factory originally was called the Kaska Manufacturing Company, then later changed to Kaska Sportswear, Inc. FIORILLO is alleged to have a partner in the business, name unknown.

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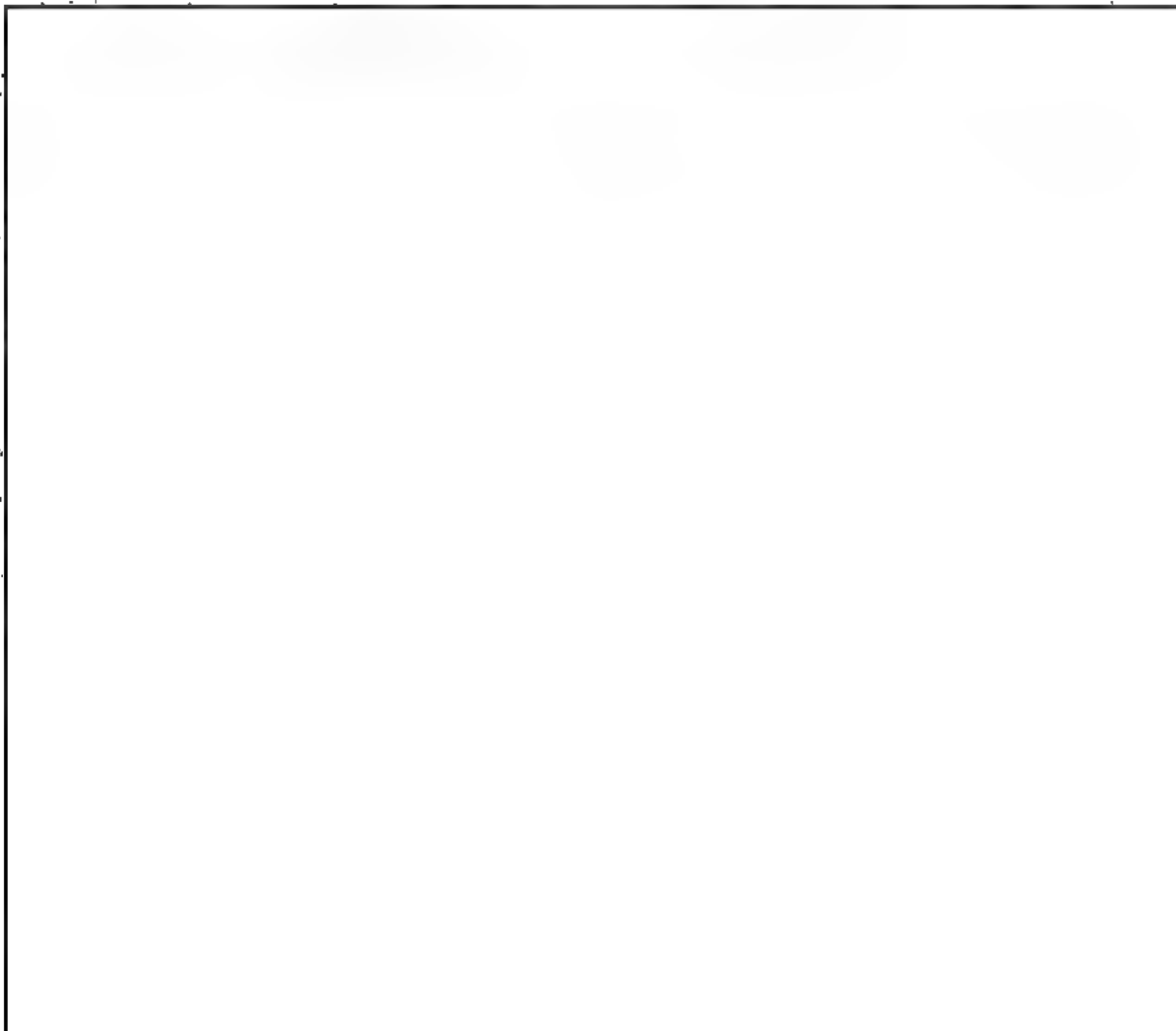
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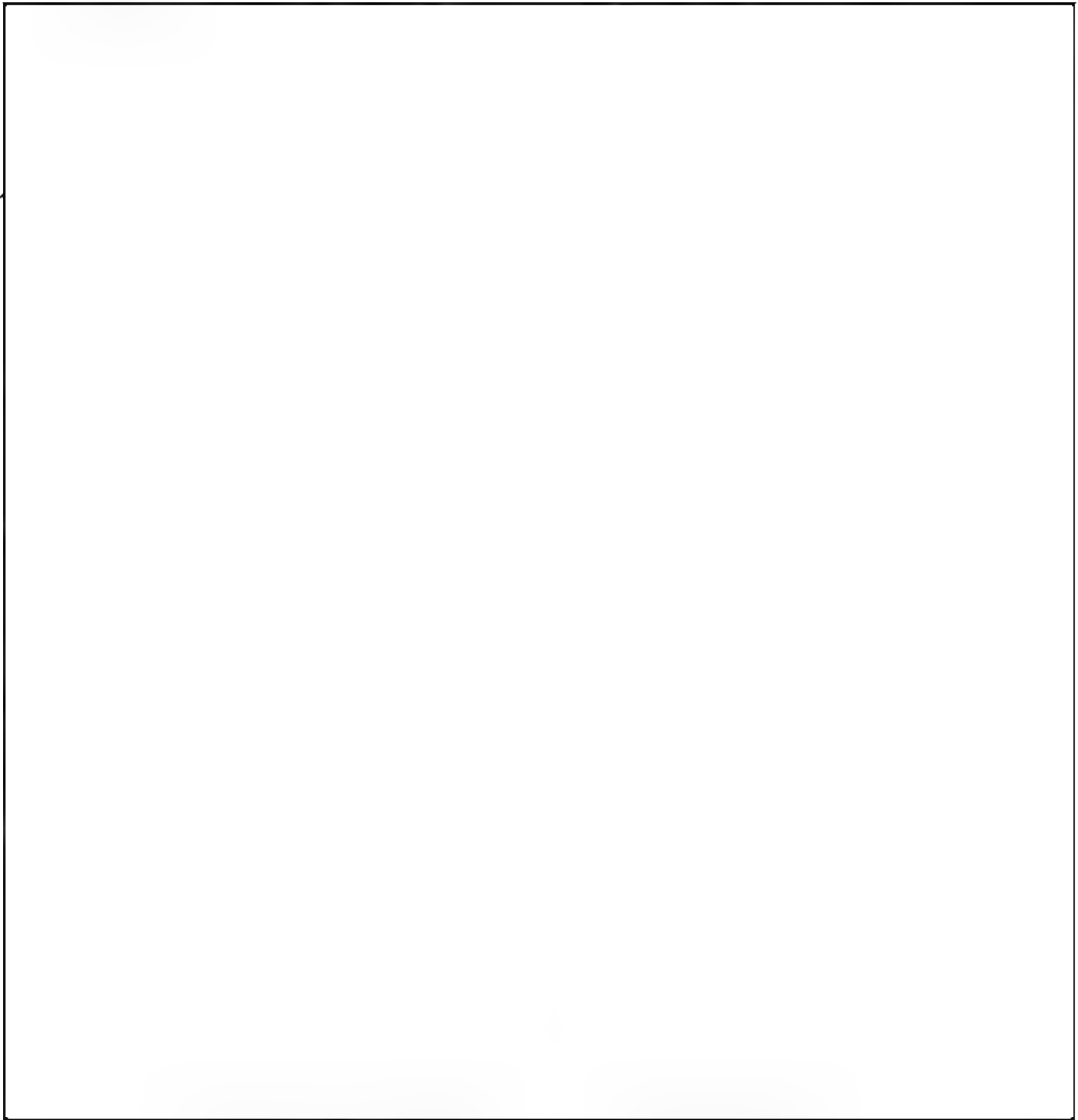
On January 23, 1958, Sergeant [redacted] Pottsville Police Department, and Corporal [redacted] Pennsylvania State Police, Schuylkill Haven, Pa., both advised their files do not contain any record for NICHOLAS FIORILLO.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [Redacted]

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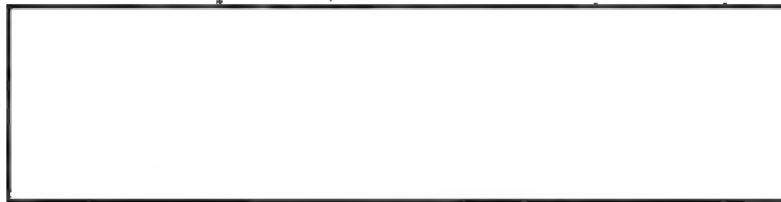
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Department of State, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, advised on February 3, 1958, that a review of corporation records reflects that Kasha Sportswear, Inc., 318 Brooks Building, South Franklin, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., was incorporated on December 9, 1955. Instant application is on file in the Corporation Bureau under Microfilm #55.34, Film 1089-91.

Incorporators and first directors were listed on application

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[redacted] were listed as having four shares each of capital stock and the remaining incorporators as having one share each.

Purpose or purposes of corporation given as:

"To engage in the manufacture of cloth and wearing apparel, and to manufacture, buy, sell, import and export all kinds of varieties of cloth and clothing; and in order to effectuate such purposes, to buy, sell, lease or convey land, buildings, machinery and equipment and to all and everything necessary and proper as permitted by law in furtherance of the aforesaid purpose."

Authorized capital stock of said corporation listed as \$10,000, divided into 100 shares with par value of \$100 per share.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

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At Scranton, Pa.

On February 7, 1958, the fictitious names were checked in the Prothonotary's Office, Lackawanna County Courthouse, and reflected that THOMAS LUGHESE, 7A Royal Street, Lido Beach, Long Island, N. Y., and [redacted] are owners of Harvie Sportswear, 1007 Capouse Avenue, Scranton. The character of the business was to manufacture, buy, sell and deal commercially in and with wearing apparel. The records also indicate that on January 2, 1958, THOMAS

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LUCHESI and [redacted] personally appeared before [redacted] Notary Public, Scranton, and attested to such ownership and same was filed with the Prothonotary #610, January Term, 1958.

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On February 5, 1958, T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that [redacted]

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On February 12, 1998, T-2 advised that [REDACTED]

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On February 19, 1998, [REDACTED]  
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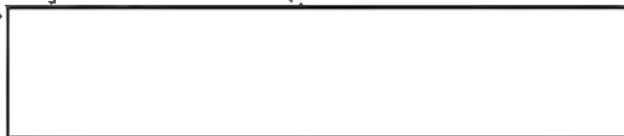
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Director, FBI

3/6/58

SAC, Philadelphia (92-512)

THOMAS LUCHESE, was.  
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SA [redacted] dated 3/6/58, at Philadelphia, Pa.

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Reference

Report of SA [redacted] dated 12/23/57, at  
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AT SLATONTON, PA.

\* Will obtain background information on Ricky Sportswear  
Company, 545 West Church Street, including subject's present or past  
interest.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (92-665)

DATE: 3-6-58

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI :

SUBJECT: THOMAS LUCKESE, was.  
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Reurlet 2-11-58.

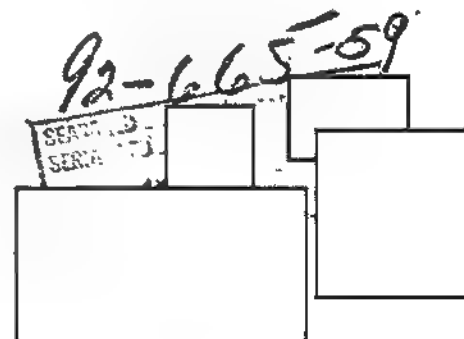
Personnel at the Department of the Air Force advised that [ ] AFSN [ ] was discharged [ ] Further advised that he is not in either active or inactive Reserve. All service records for [ ] have been transferred to DDMPRC, St. Louis, Missouri.

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St. Louis will review the Air Force service record for [ ] AFSN [ ] and furnish all pertinent background information to New York.

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THOMAS LUCHESE, with aliases,  
Gaetano Lucchese (TN), Thomas  
Arta, Fats Brown, Four Finger  
Brown, Three Finger Brown,  
Tommy Brown, Thomas Lucase,  
Thomas Lucchese, Thomas Luchese

Information was received that a [redacted]  
[redacted] of [redacted]  
[redacted] on or about December 22, 1957, corresponded  
with LUCHESE at his residence, 74 Royal Street,  
Lido Beach, Long Island, New York.

It is requested that [redacted] be  
further identified and a short resume obtained reflecting  
background of her and her husband and any action they  
may have had in the past or present with the underworld  
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SAC, NEW YORK (92-665)

THOMAS LUCHESE, was  
ANTI-RACKETEERING

Enclosed are 4 copies of a letterhead  
memorandum to be forwarded to the Legal Attache in  
Rome, Italy, requesting investigation.

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# Dress Biz in Mafia Clutch, Probe Finds

By Frank Hoarson and Paul Healy

Washington, July 2 (AP Wire Service).—Senate racketeers probes charged that powerful figures in the Mafia have a stranglehold on much of New York's garment industry.

In some time, Federal judges Commissioned. Andlinger testified that the Mafia controls of the industry who operate their nationwide "business empire" through "telephone, their racketeers themselves, virtually immune from investigation and prosecution."

Witnessing a week of testimony, Chairman John McClellan (D-N.J.) said the extent of the infiltration by racketeers, labor unions, and management poses a serious threat to the very economy of this country.

## Challenge to Government

McClellan said the testimony has no doubt that there has been a concerted effort by members of the American clothing industry to achieve legitimacy through association and control of labor unions and business firms. The committee said which we have identified here as the Mafia has revealed an arrogant challenge to the government and to the decent people of this country.

The committee ended its current probe of the Apalachin, N.Y., conference of hoodlums that took place last fall and announced that it would turn next week to the successful infiltration of these elements into the Chicago restaurant industry.

## Quiz 4 Top Hoodlums

Quizzed today with little success were three New York witnesses to Apalachin, the trucking czar in the garment industry, Thomas Brown, Larchmont, N.Y., owner of garment stores in New York and Philadelphia.

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (92-665)

DATE: July 11, 1958

FROM : SAC, MIAMI (92-203)

SUBJECT: THOMAS LUCHESE, was.  
AR  
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Reurlet 4/28/58.

It was determined on July 7, 1958, by  
SA [redacted] that the [redacted]

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# 'Not Linked To Mafia' — Luchese

WASHINGTON, July 3 — New York underworld figure Thomas "Three Finger Brown" Luchese told Senate subcommittee probes today he is a respectable street contractor and not a member of the alleged Mafia.

LUCHESE testified before the Senate Rackets Committee after the probe's last hearing for the interests of four other underworld big shots, including mob boss Vincent "The Chin" Gigante.

He was also innocent about gangster or Mafia friends but said he knows no drug smugglers. He said he and his son own two garment factories in Scranton, Pa., and their 100 employees are good Catholics. He would not say why some of his shops are union and some not, nor whether he had to make payments to keep a shop from being shut down.

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Director, FBI (92-3640)

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SAC, Philadelphia (92-643)

THOMAS LUCHESE, was.;  
JOSEPH FRANK; LEONARD FRANK;  
FRIEDMAN's EXPRESS INC. - VICTIM  
AR

Rebulet to Philadelphia, 7/10/58, and Philadelphia  
letter to Bureau, 6/24/58.

Rebulet requests this office to submit an investigative  
report with appropriate letterhead memorandum containing the  
information received by the Philadelphia Office to date.

As indicated in rePHlet of 6/24/58, the only informa-  
tion received concerning instant matter by this office has been  
furnished by [redacted]

[redacted] RePHlet further  
sets forth that [redacted] advised his name must be kept  
confidential. He said that he must not be identified as the  
source of the information furnished by him and further that  
he will not identify the person or persons who have furnished  
information to him in instant matter.

In view of the fact that the only information  
pertinent to this investigation in the possession of this  
office was received from a confidential source, no report  
will be submitted at this time, UACB.

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*per* SAC, NEW YORK (92-665)

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ReNY report of SA [REDACTED], 7/7/58.

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Subject's residence has been under physical surveillance for the past two weeks during which time a car with [REDACTED] Pennsylvania license number [REDACTED] and another car with [REDACTED] New York license plate [REDACTED] was observed.

On 7/14/58, IC [REDACTED] checked the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, New York City, and reported the registration for the above NY license plate was not available there but in Albany.

On 1/14/53, [REDACTED] advised NY agents that

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[REDACTED] was subsequently reinterviewed and advised

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At Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Will determine to whom the [redacted] Pennsylvania license plate number [redacted] is registered and obtain background available from application..

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At Albany, New York

*Col.* 1. Will determine to whom [redacted] NY license plate [redacted] is registered obtaining background from application.

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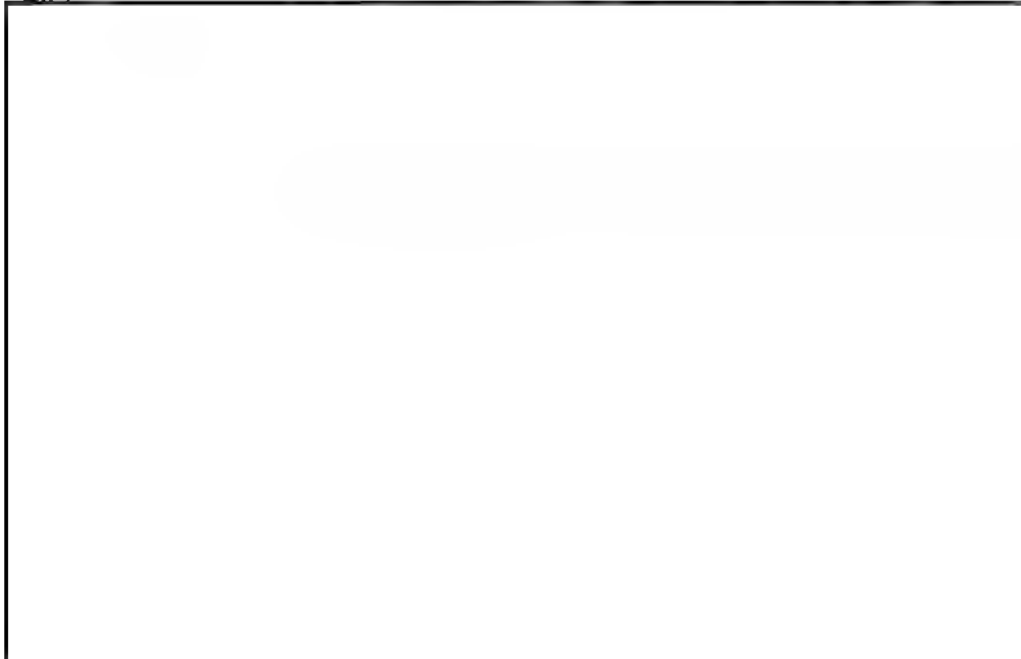
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July 17, 1958

THOMAS LUCHESE

Information set forth below was furnished

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TITLE OF CASE  <b>THOMAS LUCHESE, was., Gaetano Lucchese (TH), Thomas Arra, Fats Brown, Four Finger Brown, Three Finger Brown, Tommy Brown, Thomas Lucase, Thomas Luckese, Thomas Luschesse</b>		Report made by <div></div>	Typed By: <div></div>
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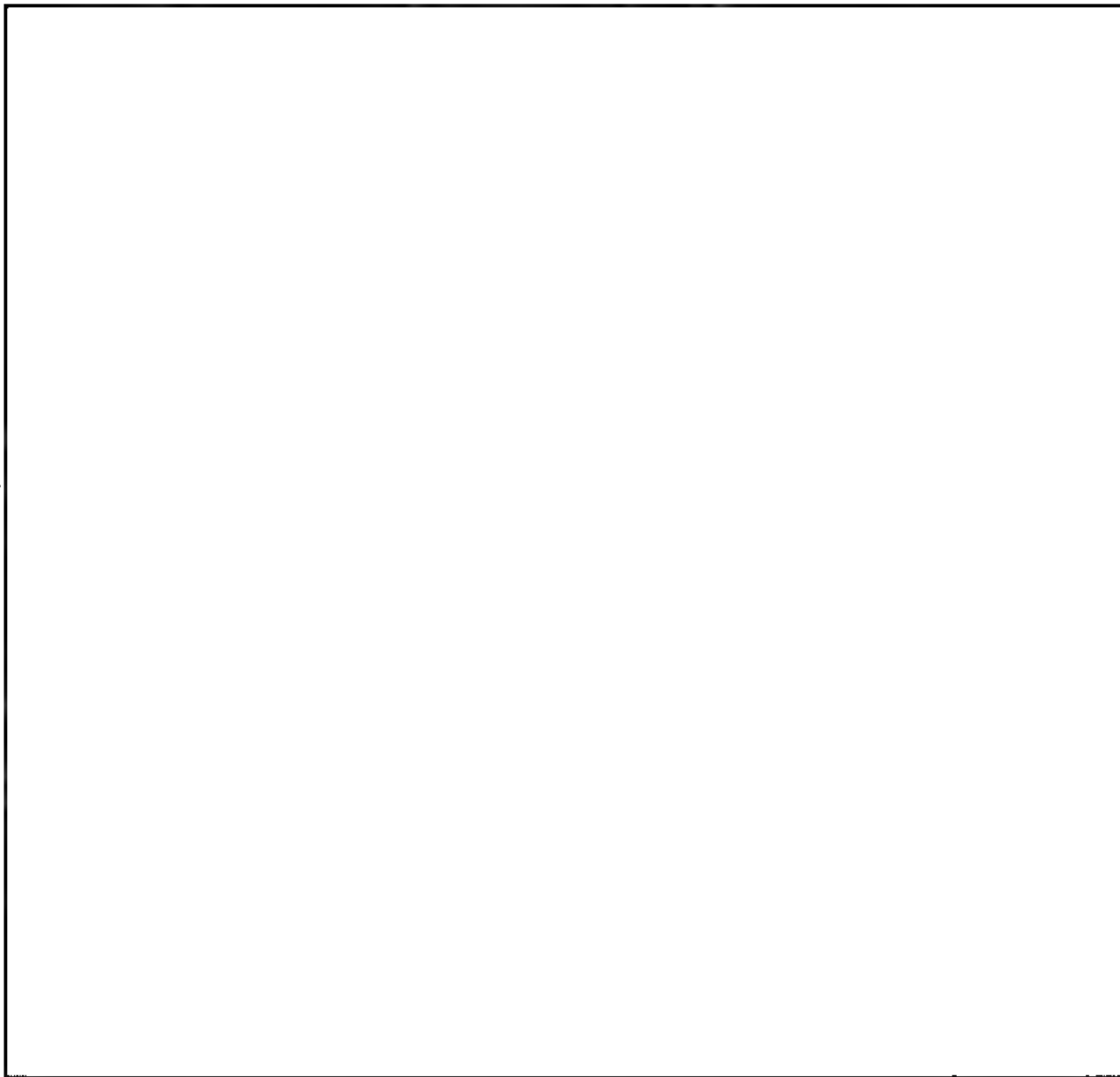
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REFERENCES

Report of SA [redacted] 5/29/58, PH.  
NY airtel to PH, 6/5/58.  
NY report of SA [redacted] 7/7/58.

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will continue to maintain contact with [redacted]  
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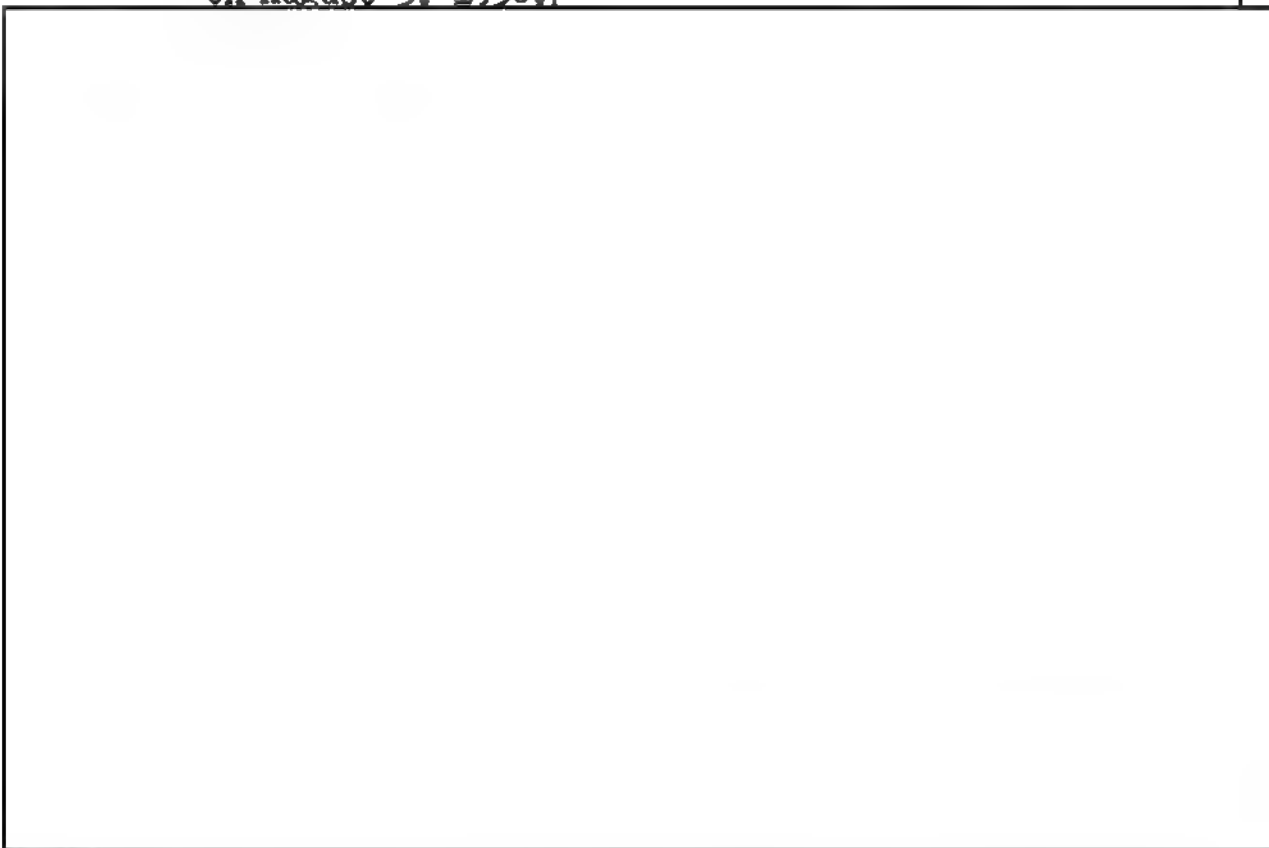
DATE: 8/18/58

FROM : SAC, ALBANY (62-1222)

SUBJECT: THOMAS LUCHESE, was.  
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Re New York letter to the Director dated 7/31/58.

On August 5, 1958, [REDACTED]



On August 4, 1958, [REDACTED] New York State Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Albany, New York advised that 1958 New York license RX-6 is issued to EDGAR S. BELLIS, 60 W. Broad Street, Mount Vernon, New York, business address, same, for a 1958 Chevrolet sedan, black. BELLIS' date of birth is June 6, 1894.

cc: ②-New York (92-665)  
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New York check Bureau of Motor Vehicles, New York City for Driver's License of EDGAR S. BELLIS, which will contain description.

New York at Commack, New York attempt to [redacted]  
[redacted] as set out in referenced letter.

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Investigation at Comstock<sup>-RUC</sup> conducted by SA [redacted]  
[redacted] Investigation at Bureau of Motor Vehicles conducted  
by IC [redacted]

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		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>ANTI-RACKETEERING</b>	

### Synopsis

Subject's denaturalization case still pending, but will be dismissed in near future. Subject continues to reside 74 Royat Street, Lido Beach, NY. Associate of subject "too busy" to be interviewed. [redacted]

Results of physical surveillance set forth. Subject testified before US Senate Rackets Committee, Washington, D.C., on 7/3/58, and denied being member of Mafia.

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*RSG SA [unclear] R.A. sent 12/10/58*

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DETAILS: A. PERSONAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

1. Citizenship

On July 28, 1958, Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] Eastern District of New York, advised that the District Court had filed a copy of the United States Supreme Court ruling ordering the action against the subject pertaining to his denaturalization proceedings be dismissed. However, to date the action against the subject had not been dismissed.

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On September 11, 1958, [redacted] advised the subject's denaturalization case was still pending. It has been placed on the docket for dismissal, but he is awaiting an order from subject's attorney requesting the action be dismissed. He indicated that he had no idea when subject's attorney would submit the order, but expected it to be in the near future.

2. Immediate Relatives

JAMES LUCKESE, subject's brother, and wife, TINA, reside at 108 West 227th Street, New York City.

On July 28, 1958, [redacted] advised he has been [redacted] of the above residence for the past [redacted] and that JAMES LUCKESE and his wife, TINA, were living there when he became [redacted]. They occupy Apartment 5I which is a four-room apartment and they pay \$80.20 per month's rent. He did not know the nature of JAMES' employment, but stated that he is most always attired in a business suit and usually leaves the apartment around 10:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. He drives a late-model Oldsmobile which he keeps garaged at the Esso Station at 231st Street and Broadway where he has kept it for the past couple of years.

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[redacted] stated that TINA is not employed and that her mother has been living with them for awhile. He advised that their oldest daughter, name unknown, is in [redacted]. He advised after viewing subject's photograph that to his knowledge he has never seen the subject around the building and did not know JAMES had any brothers until the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) came around looking for the subject in about 1952. He stated that JAMES and TINA did not associate with others in the building. He stated a [redacted] (ph), Apartment [redacted] is the only other tenant who has been there a few years and whose apartment is located near JAMES and TINA'S.

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On July 28, 1958, [redacted] Apartment [redacted] advised she has lived here for about [redacted] years. She does not know the nature of JAMES LUCKESE'S employment, but he leaves about 10:00 a.m. and returns sometime about midnight or after. They have two girls, [redacted] about [redacted] years of age, and [redacted] (ph) between [redacted] years of age.

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### 3. Residence

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On July 31, 1958, [REDACTED] was interviewed at his office, [REDACTED] and advised that he [REDACTED]. He stated that he has had this [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] He advised the subject resides at 74 Royat Street and has lived there for about five years. He further advised that he only knows the subject as [REDACTED] and any conversations with him have been only to the extent of a hello and a goodbye and remarks about the weather. He stated specifically that he has only seen the subject once during [REDACTED]. He stated he has never met the subject's son and knows nothing of his business interests, mode of travel, and time of arrival and departure. [REDACTED] stated in his opinion that a [REDACTED] is in closer contact with the subject than [REDACTED]. He stated he does not know the extent of [REDACTED] closeness to the subject.

On July 14, 1958, inquiry at the Golden Rule Appliance, 424 Seventh Avenue, determined that [REDACTED] and would return about July 21, 1958.

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Inquiry at the same place on July 23, 1958, determined [REDACTED] and was not expected to return until July 30, 1958.

On August 27, 1958, [REDACTED] telephonically advised he would be available for an interview on August 28, 1958.

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On August 28, 1958, [redacted] was interviewed by SAs [redacted] at [redacted] 513 Lexington Avenue, New York City. [redacted] advised that he resides at [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that he does not know the subject personally, but only [redacted] His conversations with the subject are few and which general topics are spoken of such as the weather. [redacted] was unable to furnish any information of value to this investigation.

#### B. ASSOCIATES

##### VINCENT SIRACUSANO

On August 29, 1958, inquiry at Sano Textiles 145 East 125th Street, New York City, determined that [redacted] was not there, but he is there most always daily during the mornings.

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On September 2, 1958, [redacted] was interviewed at 145 West 125th Street by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] He advised that the subject has no interest whatsoever in Sano Textiles. Beyond this statement, he refused to answer any further questions claiming to be "too busy" for an interview. He also refused to state a more appropriate time and place for interview and terminated the contact by walking away from interviewing agents.

##### 1. Contacts

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### C. CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

The New York "Mirror" issue of July 4, 1958, final edition, on page 3 carried an article captioned, "Not Linked to Mafia" - Luchese." The article was datelined Washington, July 3, and, in part, read as follows:

"New York underworld figure Thomas (Three-Finger Brown) Luchese told Senate rackets probers today he is a respectable dress contractor and not a member of the dreaded Mafia.

"LUCHESE testified before the Senate Rackets Committee after the probers laid bare the far-flung interests of four other underworld big shots, including millionaire trucker Abe Chait.

"He was also mum about gambler or Mafia friends, but said he knows no dope smugglers. He said he and his son own two garment factories in Scranton, Pa., but their 100 employees are now on strige. He would not say why some of his shops are union and some not, nor whether he had to make payoffs to keep a shop from being organized.

"To tell what his sources of income are might incriminate him, Luchese said. When committee counsel read off a "Who's Who in

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"the underworld, and asked which were Luchese's friends, he gave the same reply. Despite his frequent refusal to answer, committee counsel Kennedy told him as he left the stand that he had 'given us a lot more information than any of your associates--and it's almost a pleasure.' Luchese looked surprised--and pleased."

D. LEGITIMATE ENTERPRISES

State Fabrics, also known as  
Joseph LaPorta Dresses  
821 East 160th Street  
Bronx, New York

T-3 advised on July 23, 1958, that he has

Harvie Sportswear  
Scranton, Pennsylvania

It had previously been reported that OSCAR ZINN and [redacted] were owners of the Gary Company, 237 West 35th Street, New York City, now out of business, and that these two individuals had sold the Harvie plant to the subject.

On July 22, 1958, IC [redacted] checked the records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York on ZINN and [redacted] and reported the following information:

Concerning OSCAR and ELEANOR ZINN, 22 Pond Park Road, Great Neck, Long Island, New York, a 1951 Credit Bureau report reflected his business as Gary Jr., Inc., 237 West 35th Street, New York City. He is 38 to

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40 years old, married with three children, and at given residence for about ten years. He did business with the Bank of Yorktown, 500 Seventh Avenue, New York City, and had a personal account there since 1940. The firm account was also at this bank and ELEANOR ZINN had an account since March, 1945, at a bank in Little Neck, Long Island. Their credit was clear and ~~there~~ had been no suits against them.

Concerning [redacted]

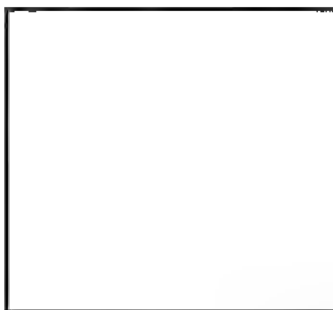
[redacted] he reported that a 1950 Credit Bureau report reflected that they formerly resided at [redacted] and his business was Gary, Jr., Inc., 237 West 35th Street, New York City. [redacted] had been with the firm as Secretary for an unknown number of years and their place of banking was not listed. On February 16, 1956, there was a [redacted]

On August 14, 1956, a suit by JAMES TALCOTT, Inc., 225 Fourth Avenue, New York City, for \$1,905.60.

#### E. RESULTS OF PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCE

The following are the positive results of a physical surveillance conducted on [redacted]

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F. MISCELLANEOUS






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On July 18, 1958, efforts to interview   
 at the above-mentioned residence met with negative  
results.



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It was determined on July 7, 1958, by SA   
 that the 



The following investigation was conducted by  
SA 





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INFORMANTS

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Contacted on 7/30/58  
by SA [Redacted]

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[Redacted]

[Redacted] letter  
to Bureau 7/17/58

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Contacted on 7/23/58  
by SA [Redacted]

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DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2878)

9/19/58

~~SA~~ NEW YORK (92-665)

THOMAS LUCHESE, was.  
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Enclosed herewith are two copies of the report of  
SA [redacted] captioned and dated as above, at New York.

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REFERENCE

Report of SA [redacted] 7/7/58, New York.  
Albany letter to New York, 8/18/58.  
New York letter to Bureau and Albany, 7/31/58.  
Miami letter to New York, 7/11/58.

INFORMANT COVERAGE

The following are criminal informants who can furnish  
information regarding subject's activities and what type of  
information they can furnish:

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- 2 - Bureau (92-2878) (Encl. 2)
- 2 - Miami (92-203) (Encl. 2)
- 2 - Philadelphia (92-3079) (Encl. 2)
- 4 - New York (92-665)

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The identity of the Special Agents participating in the physical surveillance of the subject, mentioned in the enclosed report, are maintained in the physical surveillance logs maintained in New York file 92-665-Sub A.

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FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS AND  
PLANS FOR INFORMANT COVERAGE

The New York Office plans to



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LEADS

MIAMI

At Miami Beach, Florida

Will interview [redacted]  
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PHILADELPHIA

At Scranton, Pennsylvania

Will cover leads set forth in New York letter to Bureau and Philadelphia, 7/31/58, and the last paragraph of New York airtel to Philadelphia, 6/5/58, re confidential techniques.

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At Nassau County, New York

1. Will at [redacted] interview [redacted] and determine his association with the subject or other members of his family.

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2. Will determine, if possible, the identity of the woman who was driving [redacted] on 6/24/58, and determine her association with the subject or members of his family.

3. Will specifically determine the nature of [redacted] employment, it being noted that this was shown on Bureau of Motor Vehicles records as [redacted]

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4. Will conduct criminal check on [REDACTED]

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5. Will determine from postal authorities if the following still reside at instant address and if not, obtain any forwarding address:

OSCAR and ELEANOR ZINN  
22 Pond Park Road  
Great Neck, Long Island

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At New York, New York [REDACTED]

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9/25 [REDACTED] 1. Will check credit, criminal, and Bureau of Motor Vehicles on [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] 2. Will check Bank of Yorktown, 500 Seventh Avenue, where OSCAR ZINN had an account in 1951 and obtain most recent address for him.

[REDACTED] 3. Will check with James Talcott, Inc., 225 Fourth Avenue, who had suit against [REDACTED] in August, 1956, and obtain their most recent address for [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] 4. Will interview [REDACTED] and determine her association with the subject or members of his family.

[REDACTED] 5. Will interview [REDACTED] for the same reason as above.

[REDACTED] \*6. Will interview [REDACTED] at his [REDACTED]

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NEW YORK (CONT'D)

pharmacy, 116 Pondfield Road, and determine his association with the subject.

7. Will interview [redacted] 821 East 160th Street, and determine his association with the subject and the latter's connection with the State Fabrics at the same address.

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## UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (92-632)

DATE: 3/20/58

FROM: [ ] UPV. [ ] (#5A)

**SUBJECT: TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM**

The Bureau by letter dated 8/15/58, forwarded Photostat of a chart prepared by the Mc Clellan Committee showing blood and marriage ties existing among various top hoodlums. A Photostat of this chart is being designated for each case file of the top hoodlum in this office mentioned in this chart.

Bulet instructed that "This information should be correlated with your top hoodlum program and any leads derived therefrom should be afforded immediate attention in accordance with existing instructions regarding inquiries concerning the Mafia." Bureau must be advised of any information developed.

Each agent receiving a copy of this memorandum is instructed to immediately review this chart to ascertain if there are any leads to be derived therefrom and submit a memorandum under above caption as to leads developed from a review of instant chart. If no leads are developed a negative memorandum should be submitted. This memorandum should be written for captioned case and one copy placed in case file.

Request memorandum must be submitted by 9/5/58.

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SUPV. [REDACTED] #3-A

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THOMAS LUCHESE

Subject's name appears on a Bureau of Narcotics list of suspected MAFIA adherents in the United States in 1950.

In accordance with Bureau instructions contained in Bulet 8/15/58, you are requested to submit by 9/5/58 a concise memorandum reflecting any information in the file of the subject:

1. Which reflects subject is a member of the MAFIA.
2. Source of the information - any proof offered by source.
3. Any information which might be of assistance regarding subject's involvement in a Bureau case other than an AR case.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (92-665)

DATE: 9-5-58

FROM : SA

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SUBJECT:

Thomas Suckess, was  
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Re memo of super.

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A review of instant file contains one reference to subj belonging to mafia. This ref is that NYCPD det. [redacted] advised agents of NYO in 1947 that subj was believed in 1947 to be head of the Union Siciliana, AKA as the Mafia or Syndicate.

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TO : SAC (92-632)

DATE: 9-5-58

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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captioned as above.**2/27/59**the chart reflecting relation of those in  
attendance of apalachian meeting, has been  
reviewed. There are no new leads  
derived from this concerning Thomas  
Turkine, 92-665.*

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (92-665)

DATE: 9-19-58

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: Thomas Tucker, wa  
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On 9-18-58 efforts were made to contact

[REDACTED] but  
he was not going to be in his office at  
any time end of week. Message was left  
with his office girl at 77-st office he  
him to contact with, until he was called.b6  
b7COn 9-19-58 [REDACTED] was  
contacted by Cityline but said his schedule  
was completely filled he could not possiblyb6  
b7Csee with afternoon of 9/19/58. Efforts were  
made to ~~make~~ <sup>make</sup> arrangements for interview at  
his home this week any time he should might  
of 9-19-58 or 144 of 9/20/58. He also  
said he could possibly see with before  
Monday 9/22/58.

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This is submitted to file, as it was  
planned to attempt to gain access of Santos office  
for plant on 8/20/57.



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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (92-665)

DATE: 9/22/58

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: Thomas Tushko, [redacted]

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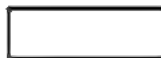
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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (TIME STARTED: 9:35 a.m.)

THOMAS LUCHESE, WAS., AR. AT SCRANTON, PA., ATTEMPT TO  
DETERMINE AT HOTEL JERMYN OR THROUGH OTHER APPROPRIATE  
SOURCES IF SUBJECT HAS BEEN IN SCRANTON AREA SINCE SEPT.  
TWENTY LAST. IF CURRENTLY THERE, ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE  
DURATION OF STAY. SUTEL.

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Approved: [Signature]  
Special Agent in ChargeSent 10:57 a M Per [Signature]

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TO SAC, NEW YORK

FROM SAC, PHILADELPHIA /92-512/ 1P

THOMAS LUCHESE, WAS. AR. RE NY TEL TODAY. INQUIRY HOTEL JERMYN AND

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TITLE OF CASE  <b>THOMAS IN [redacted] was.</b>		Report made by <b>[redacted]</b>	Typed By: <b>[redacted]</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>ANTI-RACKETEERING</b>	

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Synopsis:

Subject and [redacted] continue to remain away from Scranton, Pa. News item in "Scranton Times" newspaper, 8/26/58, reported sale of building occupied by Harvic Manufacturing Company to [redacted]. No record of such sale in files Recorder of Deeds Office, Lackawanna County, Scranton.

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DETAILS: AT SCRANTON, PA.

On September 19, 1958, [redacted] telephonically advised that [redacted]

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Approved: [redacted]	Special Agent In Charge	Do not write in spaces below	
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On September 29, 1958, [redacted] Hotel Jermyn, advised that a check of his records failed to reflect any visits on the part of either subject THOMAS LUCHESE or [redacted] since April 1958. He also stated that the records show that [redacted] last visited the hotel in the early part of September. The Harvic Manufacturing Company reservation indicated that a [redacted] (no first name given) has been staying in the Harvic reservation room for the past three and one-half weeks. [redacted] advised that he will notify the FBI when subject LUCHESE next visits the hotel.

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The "Scranton Times" newspaper of August 26, 1958, contained a news item informing that the owners of Harvic Sportswear had sold their building at 1007 Capouse Avenue to [redacted] and further related that Harvic Sportswear had ceased business. It is to be noted that Harvic Manufacturing and Harvic Sportswear are one and the same company. The paper account went on to relate that [redacted] has been engaged in Advertising Specialties at 345 Jefferson Avenue and reportedly sold his building at that address and intended to move to 1007 Capouse Avenue. The amount paid by [redacted] to Harvic Manufacturing was not disclosed in the paper. The news item also mentioned that [redacted] of Harvic, was ill and not available for comment. Being unable to contact [redacted] at Harvic because the telephone had been disconnected, a call was made to him at Michele Frocks in West Scranton and the news of his illness was given by an unidentified spokesman.

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The article also pointed out that the incorporation papers in Harrisburg, Pa., regarding Harvic Manufacturing Company reflected subject THOMAS LUCHESE as an officer of the company. It is also to be noted that Joto Realty Corporation which was previously reported as the purchasers of the Harvic Company building was the subject of a record check in Harrisburg on June 18, 1958, by SA [redacted] and the following results were established:

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AT HARRISBURG, PA.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]



[redacted] Corporation  
Bureau, Department of State, advised on June 12, 1958, that the Joto  
Realty Corporation, Suite 320, Brooks Building, South Franklin, Wilkes-  
Barre, Pa., was incorporated under the laws of Pennsylvania on December  
4, 1957.

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She stated incorporators and directors of said corporation  
are listed as: [redacted] (one share common), [redacted]  
[redacted] Pa.; [redacted] (one share common), [redacted]  
[redacted] and [redacted] (one share common), [redacted]

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Mrs. BIESTLINE further stated that purposes of corporation  
given as: "To purchase, hold, buy, sell, lease, exchange and deal in lands,  
buildings and real estate; to borrow money on real estate and other securities;  
and to do all and everything necessary and proper as permitted by law in  
furtherance of the aforesaid purposes."

Authorized capital stock of said corporation is \$50,000  
divided into 500 shares of common with a par value of \$100 per share.

The value of property corporation began business with is  
listed as \$24,000.

[redacted] advised above documents filed at the  
Corporation Bureau under microfilm roll number 57.32, film 910-12.

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[redacted] Bureau of Motor  
Vehicles, Harrisburg, advised IC [redacted] on August 8, 1958,  
that 1958 Pennsylvania registration 23 AU issued to Harvie Sportswear,  
1007 Capouse Avenue, Scranton, Pa., for a 1957 Ford Convertible, serial  
number 07 EW 249 364.

Vehicle purchased from Moore Ford Company, 1202 Wyoming  
Avenue, Scranton, on June 14, 1957, with no encumbrance and covered by  
Pennsylvania title number A 12 223 130 issued June 8, 1957.























On October 1, 1958, a check of the records at the Recorder  
of Deeds Office, Lackawanna County Courthouse, failed to establish any  
record of the above sale under the names of the individuals or companies  
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# Jurors to Quiz '3 Finger' Kin On Dice Game

A nephew of Thomas "Three Finger Brown" Luchese and a union leader marked for death are among witnesses called today before an Essex County Grand Jury, as it launched an inquiry into a dice raid in Belleville, N.J. last June.

Two N.Y. Journal-American reporters, Don Frasca and Edward Newman, who took part in the raid, also will testify in the probe, headed by N.J. Deputy Atty. Gen. Charles S. Joelson. The jury is sitting in Newark.

Joel-son would not identify either of the two mystery witnesses. But it was learned one was a convicted bookmaker who claims his uncle is Luchese, notorious garment center figure.

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The other secret witness was reported to be the intended victim of a Belleville poolroom shooting in June, 1967. The target, reputedly a shop steward for a building trade union, dived under a pool table as two gunmen shot up the place. A ricocheting bullet struck a local youth, Michael Lepond Jr.

18. in the head, but he has since recovered.

The two Journal-American reporters were at the game, held at the C&G Fisheries, 44 Heckle st., where 65 players were betting as much as \$1,000 each on a single roll of the dice.

Town officials and Belleville Police Chief Carl Spatz also have been called by the Grand jury. They probably will be asked how a game of such magnitude could operate undetected for any length of time.

Another aspect of the probe will attempt to learn who was behind the game.

In this connection, the mystery witness might have had a stake in the gambling himself or served as front for Luchese.

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# Death, Mobs, Courts Spell Grief for Stars



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# Death and Trouble for the Stars

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such offers for a two-month period.

There was a time when the name of Carl Brisson was spelled out on the marquees of vaudeville theaters or fight arenas throughout much of the world. On some nights, his name was spelled out on both.

Once, when he wasn't yet 20, Brisson gave his regular matinee and evening performances in a Copenhagen theater. Then, at midnight, he dropped over at the boxing arena and won the middleweight championship of Denmark.

Then, in 1934, he went to Hollywood and became a movie idol. Later, he became a stage star and night club hit.

In July, Brisson was hospitalized with jaundice. His wife, Maria Cleo, an actress, and his son, Fred, a Broadway producer and the husband of Rosalind Russell, were at his bedside when he died.

Three years ago tonight, in a candlelit and flower-decorated cottage at Grossinger's Hotel in Ferndale, N. Y., Eddie Fisher and Debbie Reynolds became man and wife.

Grossinger's was picked as the site of the wedding because Grossinger's was where Eddie got his start as a singer. He wore a tuxedo. She wore a gown. A trio played the wedding march. Teenagers all over the country wept or rejoiced.

Today, Eddie and Debbie, with frequent arguments and Elizabeth Taylor between them, marked their third anniversary with an ad in a Hollywood trade paper. It announced that their "elegantly furnished vacation home in Palm Springs was now for sale. The ad offered it for immediate occupancy.

For actress Lynn Bari, the announcement of Superior Judge Wallace L. Ware came as a shock in a Los Angeles courtroom yesterday.

"Neither would prefer to be relieved of the care and responsibility of this child," the judge said.

Then he awarded custody of

Miss Bari's son, John, 10, to her former husband, producer Sid Luft.

"I am convinced that this Luft's marriage to singer Judy Garland has been subject to frequent interruptions, but the producer testified that he often discussed his son with Miss Garland and that they both felt the boy should be in a public school and Luft's home.

Then she wept.

In another Los Angeles court, Commissioner John P. Oliver

angrily ordered Jayne Mansfield's husband, Mickey Hargitay, to increase support payments for his daughter, Tina, 9, from \$200 to \$300 a month.

"Hargitay is more interested in his own pursuits than in his own flesh and blood," the commissioner said. "It's a sad commentary that in the time the man has had, \$60,000 pass through his hands he has paid \$800 for his child, whom he testified he hasn't even seen since December of 1952."

Article from  
"New York Post"  
9/26/58, Pg. 4

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : FILE

DATE: 10/1/58

FROM : [REDACTED] Supervisor #8

SUBJECT: MARIO LANZA;  
THOMAS LUCHESE

On 9/26/58 Supervisor [REDACTED] Crime Records Section, Bureau, telephonically advised that [REDACTED] had just called [REDACTED] at the Bureau and informed him that on page 3 of the 9/26/58 issue of the New York "Post" there was an article concerning the California State Legislative Committee report on racketeers which contained a mention of the FBI. [REDACTED] requested that I read the article to his secretary.

The only item in this paper concerning the above was found on page 4 and was captioned, "Death, Mobs, Courts Spell Grief for Stars". Among other problems associated with different movie stars was an item concerning how THOMAS "3 FINGER BROWN" LUCHESE had tried to take over the career of MARIO LANZA. The item mentioned that the facts surrounding this were known to both the California State Legislative Committee and the FBI.

The pertinent portions of this article were read to [REDACTED] secretary.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (92-665)

DATE: 10/6/58

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: Thomas Lucken, [REDACTED]  
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Concerning Newspaper article "New York Post" of 9/26/58 p. 4, stating allegation subj tried to take over career of Maria Lanza. Bureau phone call to nyo on same, the matter was discussed with Supr [REDACTED] It was decided because of Lanza reputation etc, the lead to interview him be set out in next report for Los Angeles office to interview Lanza on condition that files contain nothing indicating the interview should not be conducted.

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TO : SAC (92-665) <sup>att.</sup> [redacted]

DATE 10/7/58

FROM : SA [redacted] *the SA*SUBJECT: Thomas Tucker, was  
AR.

The subject is a top hoodlum of NYC and maintains a year round residence at 74 Regat, St. Lida Beach, 21, ny. His home is so located that it is extremely difficult to conduct an effective physical surveillance without arousing the curiosity of other residents in the neighborhood and probably alert the subject or other members of his family. Attached is a map showing uplin area.

It appears that [redacted]



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TO : SAC, NY (92-632)

FROM : SUPV. [REDACTED] #5A

SUBJECT: TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM

DATE: 10/13/58

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Reference is made to Bulet, 10/1/58, which requested the submission of NYO Summary Report.

It is requested that each Top Hoodlum case, NY origin, be reviewed and the following information set out:

1. Allegation of membership in any criminal organization or syndicate.
2. Source and date of above.
3. Any evidence to sustain allegation of membership or existence of such organization or syndicate.

The above should be limited to information received subsequent to 3/1/58.

A memo reflecting the results of the above file review should be submitted by 10/20/58.

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SAC, PHILADELPHIA (92-512)

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THOMAS LUCHESE, was.  
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Rerep. of SA [REDACTED] 10/3/58.

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Investigation at NYC reflects that Budget Dress Corporation is at 462 7th Ave., who are currently being picketed by strikers, and a Budget Dress Shop is at 2580 Broadway, both NYC.

Spot checks at the 7th Ave. address on 10/20/58 and 10/21/58 were negative as to subject being observed.

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[REDACTED] At Scranton, Pa.

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1. Will locate and interview [REDACTED] who was reported in newspapers to have purchased building occupied by Harvic Company, 107 Capouse Street.

2. Will determine if he has purchased this building, circumstances and condition of sale, as well as obtaining any knowledge he may be willing to furnish concerning subject's activities, associates and any other information which would be of value to this investigation.

3. Will determine from [REDACTED]

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It is requested that the latter lead be expedited  
as soon as possible.

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (92-665)

DATE: 10/28/58

FROM : SAC, MIAMI (92-203)

SUBJECT: THOMAS LUCHESE, was.  
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Reurlet 9/19/58.

On October 21, 1958, SA [redacted]  
determined that [redacted]b6  
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TO : SAC, MIAMI (92-203)  
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (92-665)  
SUBJECT: THOMAS LUCHESEE, was.  
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At Miami Beach, Florida

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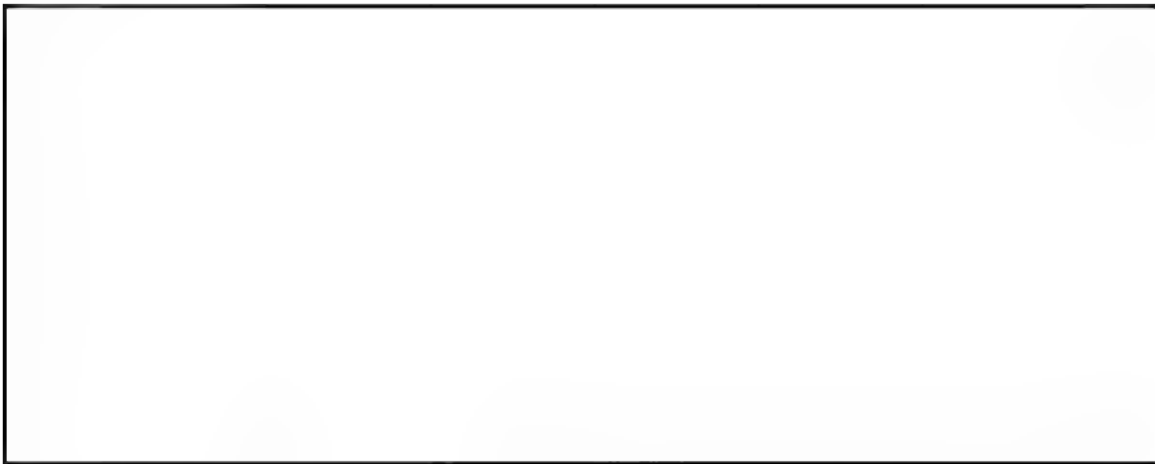
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Enclosure to Miami one photograph of subject  
taken in 1958.



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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (92-686)

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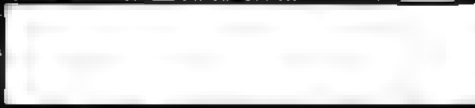
SUBJECT: JOSEPH ANTHONY STRACCI, wa.  
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(OO: New York)

Re New York letter to Miami dated 10/6/58.

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TITLE OF CASE <b>THOMAS LUCHESE, was., Gaetano Lucchese (TN), Thomas Arra, Fats Brown, Four Finger Brown, Three Finger Brown, Tommy Brown, Thomas Lucase, Thomas Luckese, Thomas Luschese, Gaetano Lucchesse</b>		REPORT MADE BY	TYPED BY
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ANTI-RACKETEERING</b>	

## SYNOPSIS:



Subject continues to maintain residence at 74 Royat Street, Lido Beach, Long Island, New York. Surveillances and spot checks there

delivered there 9/29/58 and 10/1/58. Milkman made no

information reported subject in 1955 tried to take over career of noted singer MARIO LANZA.

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DETAILS:

A. PERSONAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

1. Residence

Spot checks conducted at subject's residence. 74 Royat  
Street, Lido Beach, Long Island, New York, on [REDACTED]

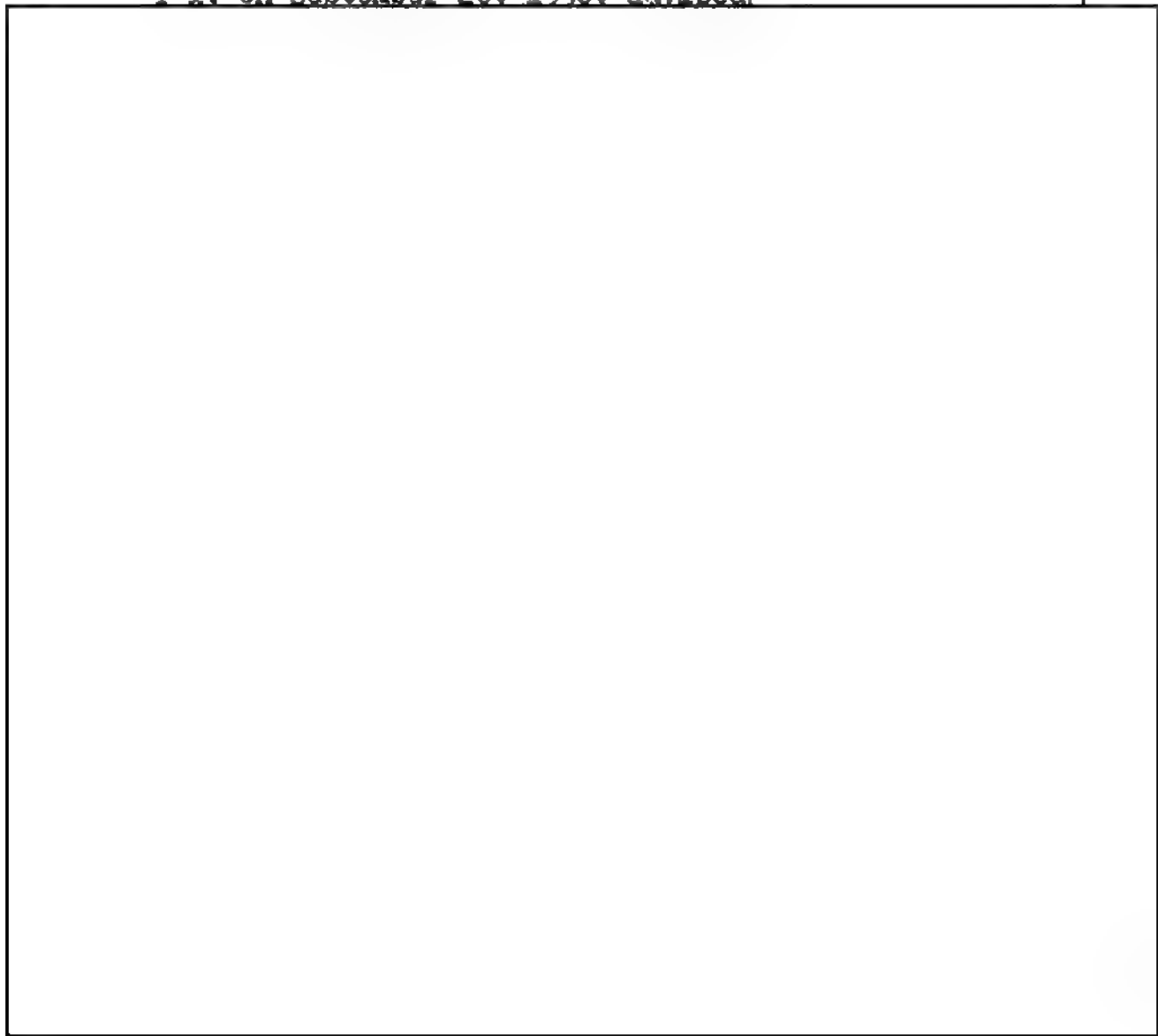
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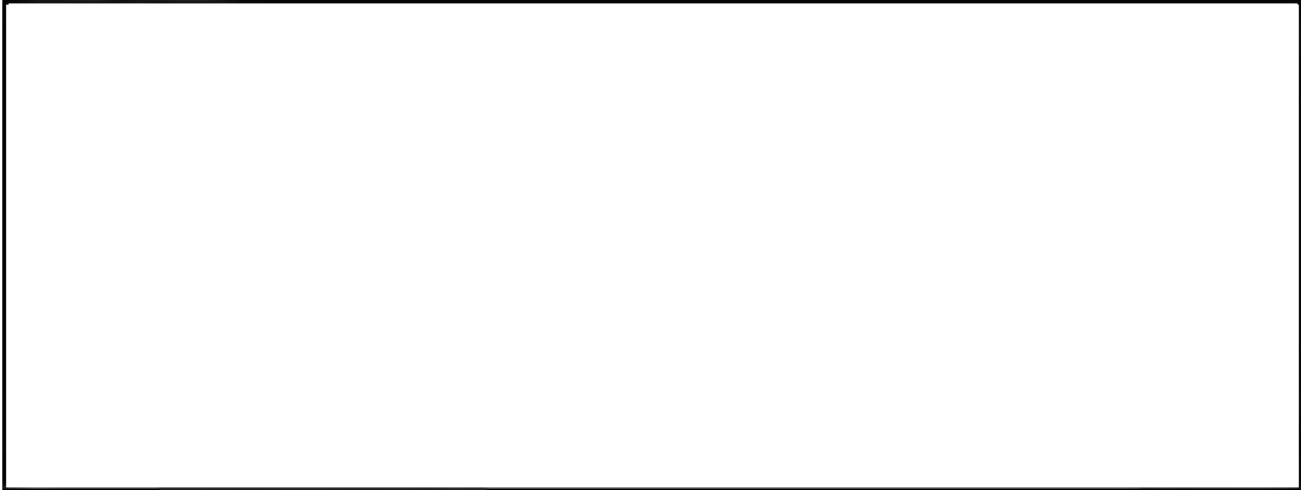
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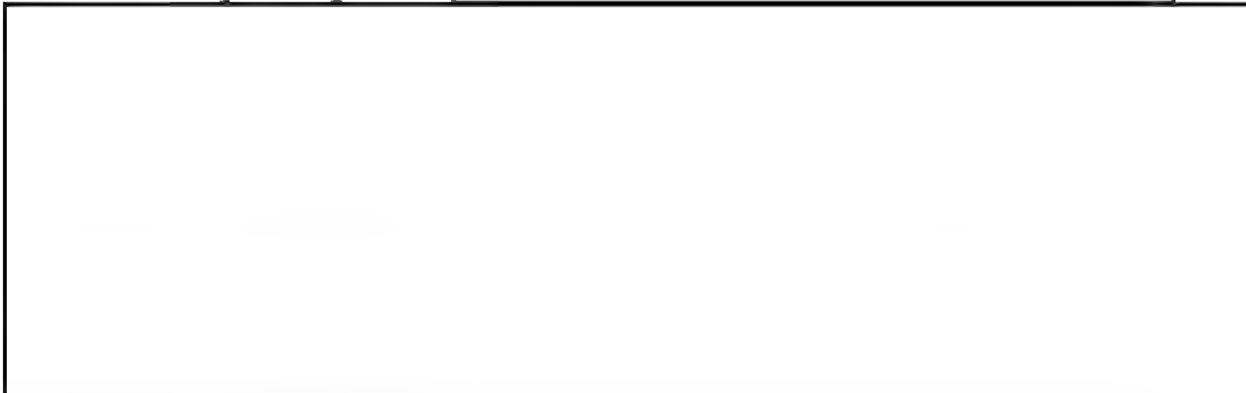
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On October 23, 1958, [redacted] an employee of Bordens Milk Company and driver of that company truck [redacted] with New York license plate [redacted] was interviewed by SA'S [redacted] and [redacted]. He advised that he is employed by this company and works out of the plant at 117-35 Long Beach Boulevard, telephone Rockville Center 4-1100.

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He stated that due to the summer season at Lido Beach, his route fluctuates with the amount of customers and, therefore, for several months and at other times the route is changed and he is assigned to a different area. However, he stated he has been delivering milk to the subject's residence since about September 15, 1958. He delivers every other day and subject's normal delivery

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is four quarts of milk on each delivery date. The subject, since about mid September, has had the regular amounts left with the exception of September 29 and October 1, 1958, when he was instructed not to leave any milk. He stated he had seen the subject only about three times in the past couple of years. He stated he would notify the New York Office in the event there are any notable changes in subject's regular deliveries.

B. Associates

[redacted]  
[redacted] Efforts were made to interview Mr. [redacted] on September 29 and October 13, 1958, with negative results. On October 14, 1958, he was reached telephonically and made an appointment to be interviewed on [redacted]

[redacted] was interviewed by  
SA's [redacted] and [redacted] at [redacted]

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C. CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

The "New York Post," issue of September 26, 1958, on page four, carried an article captioned "Death, Mobs, Courts Spell Grief for Stars." The article stated that some California legislative committee was investigating charges that a group of racketeers, including THOMAS (3 Finger Brown) LUCHESE, tried to take over MARIO LANZA's singing career. The article in part read:

"In 1955, Three-Finger Brown of New York, accompanied by a well-known Los Angeles clothier and another racketeer, went to Lanza's home near Beverly Hills and offered to take over the singer's then failing career.

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"The three, who claimed to represent a group of men, offered Lanza \$150,000 in cash and a settlement of his troubles with the government, to which he owed \$300,000 in back taxes.

"In return, the racketeers said, they would provide Lanza with singing jobs and movie work. But they would claim a percentage of the income from the engagements.

"With Lanza at the time was former heavyweight boxing champion Rocky Marciano, and Lanza's answer to the racketeers was to throw a punch at one of them. When this occurred, Three-Finger Brown took his two companions and retreated from the house.

"And, despite his refusals, the racketeers continued to make such offers for a two-month period...."

D. LEGITIMATE ENTERPRISES

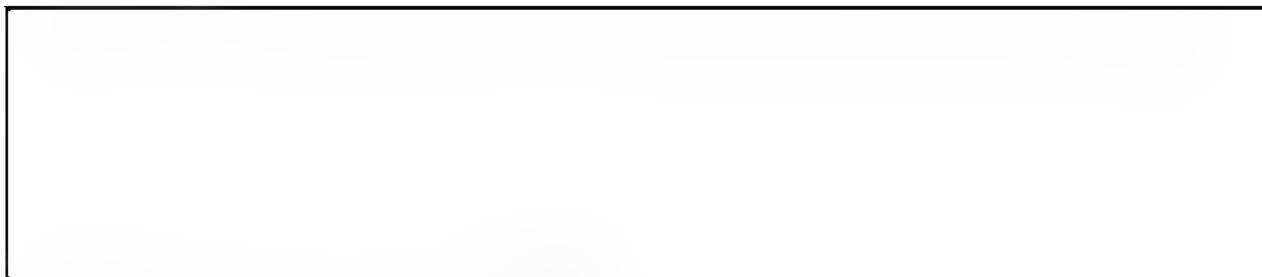
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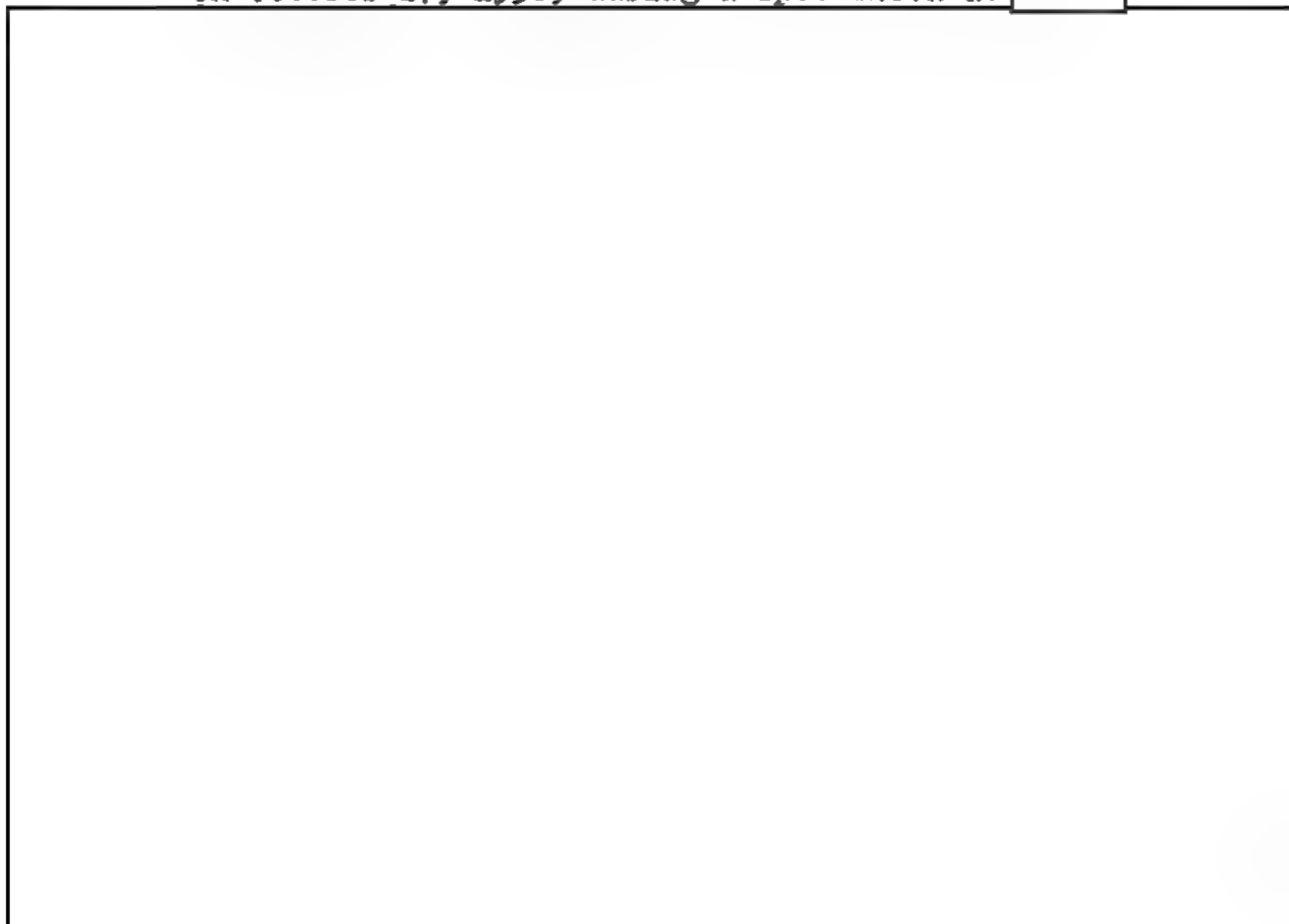
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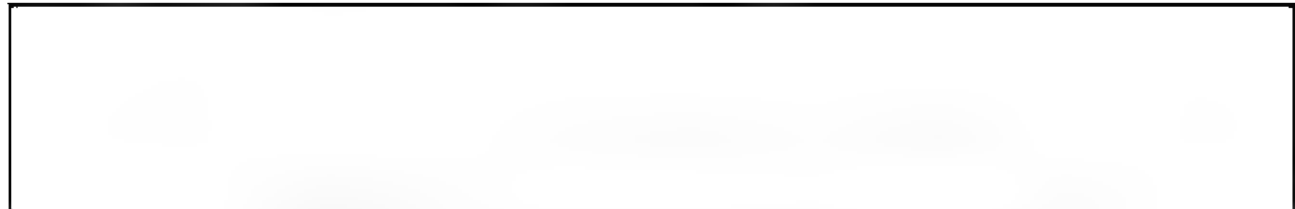
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On October 27, 1958, New York City Patrolman [redacted] [redacted] Badge [redacted] 42nd Precinct, telephone CY 2-7700, advised that on that same date he had observed the two men talking to the picket in front of 821 East 160th Street, Bronx. He advised that he knows the shorter of the two men as THOMAS LUCHESE, wa. "Three Finger Brown." According to the Patrolman's understanding from various people in the area, LUCHESE has some interest in the dress manufacturing business at this address. He added that employees have been on strike here since March, 1958. He stated he did not know the large man's name who was with the subject but that they are always together when either is in this area. He stated that they have been coming to this place on an average of two or three times per week and that the subject is always driven by the big man in a [redacted] which the Patrolman pointed out to Agents. This [redacted] was observed to bear New York license plate [redacted] Patrolman [redacted] further stated that when they arrive there, they stay approximately one hour. The large man with the subject is believed to have some interest in a dress shop somewhere in Pennsylvania which has been closed now because of a strike. He stated that a [redacted] whom he believes is the manager of the business at 821 East 160th Street, was before some committee in Washington, D. C. at the same time the subject was.

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He stated that some employees at this place would know the identity of the man who is always with the subject driving the above-mentioned [redacted] and he offered to determine this person's identity.

On October 29, 1958, Patrolman [redacted] advised that the man who is always with the subject driving the [redacted] is known as [redacted] who is in the clothing manufacturing business in both New York and Pennsylvania. He advised he has not seen the subject since October 27, 1958.

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**DO NOT DESTROY - PENDING LITIGATION**

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On November 3, 1958, Patrolman [redacted] advised that the subject was at 821 East 160th Street, Bronx, once since October 27, 1958, and this was on October 31, 1958, at about 2:00 P.M. He observed the subject walking towards 821 East 160th Street coming in the direction from Westchester Avenue, and the subject was by himself, and he saw no visible means of automobile transportation which could have been utilized by the subject. The subject remained at this address for a short time and left by himself walking towards Westchester Avenue. It is noted that there is a subway stop on the elevated line near Westchester Avenue and East 160th Street.

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T-5 advised on [redacted]

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It has been reported previously the subject visits Budget Dress in New York City. It is noted that the New York City Telephone Directory reflects a Budget Dress at 462 Seventh Avenue and Budget Dress Shop at 2580 Broadway, both New York City.

[redacted] Assistant Elevator Starter at 462 Seventh Avenue, advised he does not know the subject by name and did not recognize his photograph. He advised that Budget Dress is owned by [redacted] and a [redacted] (ph). [redacted] drives a [redacted]

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[redacted] Chief Elevator Starter, 462 Seventh Avenue, advised he does not know the subject by name or recognize his photograph.

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Spot checks at [redacted]

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On September 19, 1958, T-3 advised [redacted]

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F. MISCELLANEOUS

On October 7, 1958, [redacted] advised they are [redacted] of Fashion Cleaners, 641 East Park Avenue, Long Beach, Long Island, New York. They advised that the subject's family has been a customer of theirs for about the past five years. They claimed they have never seen the subject. They stated that most of the work is brought in to the shop by Mrs. LUCHESE or their daughter. They advised that they also have the dry cleaning business of LUCHESE's daughter even though they do not reside in Long Beach. They stated that for the past several months practically all the business transactions have been with the subject's daughter. [redacted] mentioned that Mrs. LUCHESE has her hair done at the beauty shop next door to their dry cleaning place.

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On October 9, 1958, [redacted] of James Talcott, Inc., 225 Fourth Avenue, New York, advised that the last address they had for [redacted] was in December, 1956, in care of J. LIEBERMANS Sportswear, 1370 Broadway, New York. He stated that there was one other former address in their files for [redacted] that being [redacted]

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On October 9, 1958, [redacted] of Marine Midland Trust Company of New York, Yorktown Branch, 500 Seventh Avenue, advised that OSCAR ZINN still maintains an account here and stated he could be reached at Oscar Zinn Textiles, 1407 Broadway, New York City.

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On October 21, 1958, Investigative Clerk [redacted] checked the Bureau of Motor Vehicle records on [redacted] and reported he could find no current driver's license or registration.

On October 1, 1958, SA [redacted] checked the records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York on the above [redacted] with negative results.

On October 21, 1958, SA [redacted] determined [redacted]

The "New York Journal American," Seventh Sports Edition, issue of October 7, 1958, on page six, carried an article captioned "Jurors to Quiz '3Finger' Kin on Dice Game." The article mentioned that a nephew of "THOMAS 'Three Finger Brown' LUCHESE" and a union leader marked for death were among the witnesses to be called that day before the Essex County Grand Jury sitting in Newark as it launched an inquiry into a dice raid last June in Belleville, New Jersey. The article stated that Deputy Attorney General CHARLES S. JOELSON would not identify either of the two witnesses but that it was learned that one was a convicted bookmaker and claimed his uncle was THOMAS LUCHESE.

On September 29, 1958, [redacted] of Mc Grath Funeral Home, 20 Cedar Street, Bronxville, New York, advised the only car registered to [redacted] of [redacted] is a [redacted]. He stated he does not know the subject and is sure [redacted] does not know him. He stated that during the middle of July, 1958, he drove [redacted] car to the home of [redacted] on Royat Street, Lido Beach, New York. The occasion was a fish fry [redacted] gave for a group of Bronxville businessmen and members of that town's Lions Club. Among others attending this fish fry was [redacted] a local florist.

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INFORMANTS

T-1 [redacted] contacted

9/20,25,30;10/6,14,17,30/58 by SA [redacted]

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T-2 [redacted] contacted 10/7,13/58 by  
SA [redacted]

T-3 [redacted] contacted 9/19/58 by SA [redacted]  
[redacted]

T-4 [redacted] contacted 11/4/58 by SA [redacted]  
[redacted]

T-5 [redacted] contacted 10/30/58 by SA [redacted]

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FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS AND  
PLANS FOR INFORMANT COVERAGE

The New York Office plans to interview in-  
dividuals who are

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2878)

Date: 11/26/58

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (92-665)

RE: THOMAS LUCHESE, was.  
ANTI-RACKETEERING

(OO: New York)

Enclosed are two copies of the report of SA [ ]  
[ ] dated and captioned as above at New York.

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REFERENCE

Report of SA [ ] dated 9/19/58 at New York.  
Report of SA [ ] dated 10/3/58 at Philadelphia.  
Miami letter to New York dated 10/28/58.  
New York airtel to Miami dated 10/31/58.  
New York letter to Philadelphia dated 10/22/58.

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The lead to interview [ ]  
[ ] is not being covered inasmuch as the explanation given  
by [ ] of being at a fish fry at [ ] residence  
would be the same reason [ ] car was seen near subject's  
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2-Boston (Encls. 2)  
2-Miami (92-203)(Encls. 2)  
2-Newark (92-427)(Encls. 2)  
2-Philadelphia (92-512)(Encls. 2)  
2-Los Angeles (Encls. 2)  
4-New York (92-665)

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LEADS

BOSTON DIVISION

AT BROCKTON, MASSACHUSETTS

1. Will locate and interview ROCKY MARCIANO concerning allegation he was present with MARIO LANZA when subject tried to take over latter's career. Will develop full particulars of incident as well as who was with the subject at the time.

2. In event MARCIANO is not in Boston territory, will determine his present whereabouts and will then set out lead to appropriate office to have him interviewed as well as giving that office sufficient background information contained in newspaper article set forth herein so they can intelligently conduct the interview.

MIAMI DIVISION

AT MIAMI, FLORIDA

Will cover lead's set forth in New York airtel of October 31, 1958.

NEWARK DIVISION

AT NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

1. Will contact Deputy Attorney General CHARLES S. JOELSON mentioned in newspaper clipping in this report and determine the identity of the alleged convicted bookmaker who claims to be subject's nephew.

2. [REDACTED]

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PHILADELPHIA DIVISION

AT SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

1. Will cover leads set forth in New York letter to Philadelphia dated October 22, 1958.

2. Will, in addition, locate and interview [redacted]

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3. [redacted]

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LOS ANGELES DIVISION

AT HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA

1. Will check indices and report any information identical to the subject which has not been previously reported to the New York Office. If the information concerning the subject's alleged attempt to take over career of noted singer MARIO LANZA is not in Los Angeles files, will determine from the appropriate source or sources known to your Division if LANZA has returned from abroad.

2. If there are no known reasons available to the Los Angeles Office, will interview LANZA concerning the allegation of the subject trying to take over his career in 1955. Will develop the full particulars including the identity of any other person with the subject at the time. If LANZA not available for interview, will attempt to determine the approximate date he would be available for interview.

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NEW YORK DIVISION

AT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Will interview [REDACTED]

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AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

1. Will report the coverage of outstanding leads by the Mineola Resident Agency.

2. Will interview [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Lido Beach.

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3. Will keep contact with [REDACTED]

and [REDACTED] regarding [REDACTED]

4. Will recontact New York City Patrolman [REDACTED] concerning subject's frequent appearances at 821 East 160th Street, Bronx.

5. Will spot check at [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] to observe subject and learn more of his activities.

6. Will conduct neighborhood inquiry on [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and if deemed advisable, will interview [REDACTED]

7. Will conduct investigation to determine more information of [REDACTED] with whom subject is reported to associate.

8. Will interview [REDACTED] at J. Liebermans Sportswear, 1370 Broadway.

9. Will interview OSCAR ZINN at the Oscar Zinn Textiles, 1407 Broadway.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (92-665)

DATE 12/5/58

FROM : SAC, MIAMI (92-203)

SUBJECT: THOMAS LUCHESE, Aka.  
ANTI-RACKETEERING  
OO - New York

Re NY airtel to MM, 10/31/58.

On December 1, 1958, [redacted]

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[redacted] and [redacted]  
[redacted] Balmoral Hotel, Bal Harbor, Florida,  
advised SA [redacted] they were not  
acquainted with THOMAS LUCHESE under his true name  
or known aliases. They were unable to identify his  
photograph. None of them had heard of subject having  
stopped at that hotel in October, 1958.

[redacted] produced registration and accounting  
records which reflected that "THOMAS LUCKESE, 74  
Royat Street, Lido Beach, L. I." had stopped at the  
Balmoral Hotel on the following occasions:

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From January 19, 1957, to February  
21, 1957, he occupied Room 352 alone.

From January 21, 1957, to February  
17, 1957, he occupied Room 348 alone.

On February 21, 1957, his wife checked  
in and occupied Room 348 with him.

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2 - Miami

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None of the above employees were able to reconcile the conflict of dates other than to say that the records simply reflected that he had two rooms at the same time.

From March 15, 1957, to March 17, 1957, he occupied Room 329A alone.

From December 19, 1957, to December 23, 1957, he occupied Room 250 alone.

On February 17, 1958, Mr. and Mrs. THOMAS LUCKESE checked into Room 352 and remained there until March 17, 1958.

On February 22, 1958, [redacted]

[redacted] checked into Room 350 and remained eight days.

There was no record of subject THOMAS LUCKESE having stayed at the Balmoral Hotel anytime in 1958 except on the above occasion.

[redacted] advised records of local calls made by guests are not kept according to number and that records of long distance calls in 1957 had been destroyed. He advised his records reflected that only two long distance calls had been made from room 352 during the time it was rented to THOMAS LUCKESE: from February 17, 1958, to March 17, 1958. On February 19, 1958, an eight minute call was made to Scranton, Pennsylvania, number [redacted] On March 17, 1958, a one minute call was made to Hollywood, Florida, number [redacted]

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[redacted] Balmoral Hotel, advised December 1, 1958, THOMAS LUCKESE was known to him as a guest who had stopped there on several occasions within the past two years. He said he knew nothing about his associates and could not recall having seen him with anyone other than an elderly woman believed to be his wife. He said LUCKESE always rented an automobile at the door, which cars are owned by MORSE's Auto Rental Company, 7726 NE 2nd Avenue, Miami, which concern is owned by [redacted]

[redacted] He said he had not seek LUCKESE since the Winter Season of 1957 - 1958. He said that if LUCKESE had been around the Balmoral Hotel since then he probably would have rented a car from Morse Auto Rental.

[redacted] Morse's Auto Rental Company, advised December 3, 1958, he could find no record of a car having been rented to LUCKESE since March, 1958, when he was at the Balmoral.

Philadelphia at Scranton, Pennsylvania, identify subscriber to telephone [redacted] and determine his connection with subject.

Miami at Hollywood, Florida, will identify subscriber to telephone [redacted] and determine his connection with subject.

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York

DATE: December 9, 1958

FROM: *JH* Director, FBI

SUBJECT: ATTORNEY GENERAL'S SPECIAL GROUP --  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

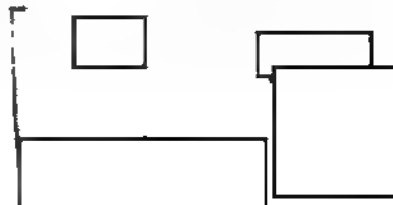
The Bureau has previously furnished information of a pertinent nature to the Department concerning leading criminal figures, and it is intended that such information will be supplemented at this time.

Accordingly, the appropriate office of origin is instructed to prepare letterhead memoranda concerning each of the individuals listed below. These memoranda should be prepared in accordance with the instructions set forth here and an original and 4 copies should be submitted to reach the Bureau no later than December 18, 1958, and should bear that date. The above caption should be used on the letter submitting these memoranda and it should be marked "Attention Investigative Division."

The letterhead memoranda should be prepared in the following form:

1. Caption should include the master name and all aliases. No classification or character of case should be shown.
  2. The memoranda should contain only current background data regarding the individuals listed below and such material as may have been gathered from checks of records and other sources exclusive of surveillances, confidential sources, confidential techniques, etc. Items which have been disseminated to other agencies in writing should also be set forth. Information which could be extracted from any inquiry, which information reflects the results
- 3 - Boston (92-117) (Frank Cucchiara)
  - 3 - Buffalo (92-53) (John C. Montana)
  - 3 - Chicago (92-344) (Anthony Accardo)
  - 4 - Newark (92-380) (Vito Genovese); (92-389) (Abner Zwillman)
  - 6 - New York (92-660) (Meyer Lansky); (92-665) (Thomas Luchese);  
(92-676) (Joseph Profaci); (92-687) (Anthony Strollo)
  - 3 - Phoenix (92-28) (Joseph Bonanno)

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Letter to New York

Re: Attorney General's Special Group

of contacts with local police departments or other Federal agencies, such as Immigration and Naturalization Service, Federal Bureau of Narcotics and Bureau of Customs, should be included. If sources, such as the above named, have labeled the information as confidential or restricted its further dissemination, the material should still be set out together with the restrictions placed upon its use by the other agency.

3. The information should be phrased in a manner which will not make it appear that active investigation has been conducted with respect to the individual. Such language should be employed that the memoranda could be disseminated without disclosing where we may have obtained such information

4. On the original and one copy only, there should be set forth identification of the sources of the information utilized in preparing the memoranda.

5. Any data secured under conditions of confidence from informants should not be included, and great care should be taken to avoid any disclosure of confidential sources or techniques.

The memoranda should be prepared on the following individuals:

Boston:	Frank Cucchiara
Buffalo:	John C. Montana
Chicago:	Anthony Accardo
Newark:	Vito Genovese Abner Zwillman
New York:	Meyer Lansky Thomas Luchese Joseph Profaci Anthony Strollo
Phoenix:	Joseph Bonanno

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York (92-665)

DATE: 12/10/58

FROM : SAC, Philadelphia (92-512)

SUBJECT: THOMAS LUCHESE;  
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ReNYlet to PH 10/22/58.

On 11/10/58 [redacted]

[redacted] advised SA [redacted] his Advertising Specialties business has grown rapidly in the past few years, and he had been alert to the need for larger space. Some time during 9/58 he drove by the Harvic Manufacturing building and noted the building was for sale. He subsequently examined the premises and decided they would be suitable for his needs.

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[redacted] said his attorney, [redacted] got in touch with [redacted] Brooks Building, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and on 10/1/58 the purchase was made. He stated the purchase price was \$27,500, and that possession of the premises was assumed on 11/1/58. [redacted] said [redacted] was the only individual representing the vendor, and personally [redacted] has never met subject or [redacted] recalled there had been some mention of subject during the proceedings, but felt it had been only a reference to whether the vendor was also known as "Three Fingers Brown." [redacted] recollection was that [redacted] remarked he always referred to the vendor as Mr. LUCHESE.

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[redacted] also advised that the few pieces of machinery that were in the plant when he inspected it had been meanwhile removed by truck to New York City, inasmuch as the truck used bore a New York City trucking concern's name. This name he was unable to recall, but stated the machinery had been removed on a Friday during the middle part of 10/58.

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A negative attempt was made to contact [redacted]

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New York, New York

December 18, 1958

THOMAS LUCHESE, with aliases,  
Gaetano Lucchese (true name),  
Thomas Arra, Fats Brown, Four  
Finger Brown, Three Finger Brown,  
Tommy Brown, Thomas Lucase, Thomas  
Luckese, Thomas Luschese, Gaetano  
Lucchese

The captioned individual has been reportedly born on December 1, December 2, and December 9, 1899, in Italy. (Source: Immigration and Naturalization Service records, New York City School records, and Selective Service records, Act of 1940.)

He immigrated to the United States at New York City on November 20, 1911, on the SS Duca D'Agosta of the Italian Line from Palermo, Italy. He was accompanied by his father, Baldassare, age 40; mother, Francesca Cinquegrano, age 40; brothers, Antonino, age 9; Guiseppo, age 1; and sisters, Concetta, age 4, and Rosalia, age 5. All were going to join Lucchese's uncle, Antonio Cali, 237 106th Street, New York City.

He became a United States citizen on January 25, 1943, at Newark, New Jersey. He resided in the New York City area from the time of his entry with the exception of about 1936 to 1942 when he resided in New Jersey. (Source: Immigration and Naturalization Service records, New York City.)

The "New York Times," issue of November 29, 1952, carried an article in which there was related a story of Lucchese being served the previous day with papers in the Government's deportation proceedings against him. The Government charged that he failed to disclose his complete criminal record when he applied for citizenship in 1943.

The "New York Mirror," final edition, issue of April 8, 1958, on page two, carried an article which related a story that the United States Supreme Court rendered a decision

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on April 7, 1958, against the United States Government which, in effect, cancelled the Government's denaturalization proceedings against Luchese.

The "New York Journal American," issue of September 11, 1956, carried an article in which there was a photograph of Luchese's home located at 74 Royat Street, Lido Beach, Long Island, New York.

Luchese was married to Concetta Vassallo on September 25, 1927, and they have two children [redacted] (Source: Birth and Marriage Records, New York City area.)

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In 1952 the following were given as Luchese's relatives:

Francesca Luchese, mother, 99-22 31st Avenue, Corona, Long Island, New York;

Anthony Luchese, brother, 100-18 Northern Boulevard, Corona, Long Island, New York;

James Luchese, brother, 108 West 227th Street, New York City;

Joseph Luchese, brother, 43 Boulevard Malba, Queens, New York;

Rose Rosato, sister, 34-31 81st Street, Apartment A21, Jackson Heights, Queens, New York.

In November, 1952, it was reported that Rose Rosato was spending the winter in Florida and could be reached at 150 Sunny Isle Boulevard, Miami Beach, Florida. (Source: New York report of SA [redacted] dated December 3, 1952, captioned "Thomas Luchese, was., Denaturalization Proceedings" which was disseminated to the United States Attorney's Office, Southern District of New York and Eastern District of New York.)

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The "Scranton Times" newspaper of Scranton, Pennsylvania, issue of August 26, 1958, contained a news item which related information that the owners of Harvic Sportswear had sold their building at 1007 Capouse Avenue, Scranton, and

that the company had ceased business. It mentioned that a [redacted] was the General Manager of the company and that the incorporation papers in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, reflected Thomas Luchese as an officer of this company.

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In 1952 Luchese was in partnership with [redacted] and [redacted] in the operation of Braunell Limited, 225 West 37th Street, New York City.

In 1947 Luchese invested money in the Bal-Fran Company, 140 West 36th Street, New York City, which went out of business in 1950.

In 1952 the Empire Metal Lathe Company took over the premises vacated by the Fordham Hoisting Equipment Company, Inc. at 2373 Washington Avenue, Bronx, New York. Nunzio Pomilio was the president of the Empire Metal Lathe Company and advised that Luchese had an interest in the lathe company. (Source: New York report of SA [redacted] dated December 3, 1952, captioned "Thomas Luchese, was., Denaturalization Proceedings" which was disseminated to the United States Attorney's Office, Southern District of New York and Eastern District of New York.)

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Concerning the Fordham Hoisting Equipment Company, Inc. mentioned above, Luchese allegedly withdrew from this concern in July, 1948. Its officers were listed as follows:

Nunzio Pomilio, president  
Thomas Luchese, secretary and treasurer.

The Bal-Fran Blouse Company, Inc., 140 West 36th Street, New York City, was incorporated on January 16, 1947, and the officers were Thomas Luchese, president, and Andino Pappadio, secretary and treasurer. (Source: New York report of SA [redacted] dated April 9, 1956, captioned "Garment Trucking Investigation, Anti-Racketeering," which was disseminated to the United States Attorney's Office, Southern District of New York.)

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Luchese was a partner in the Kaska Manufacturing Company, Kaska, Pennsylvania, with [redacted] from around December, 1955, until about May 30, 1956. (Source: [redacted])

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The 'New York Herald Tribune,' issue of November 21, 1952, carried an article which related that Luchese had admitted in testimony before the New York State Crime Commission that at one time or another he had an interest in the following-named companies:

Malba Part Development Company  
 Monica Modes  
 The Wawarsing Sand and Gravel Company  
 Pilgrim Dress Company  
 Ku Kris Kringle Company  
 V & L Hat Company

The following is Luchese identification record under FBI Number 168 275 as of December 9, 1957:

Contributor of Fingerprints	Name and Number	Arrested or Received	Charge	Disposition
Police Department, New York, New York	Thomas Lucase #B-68834	July 18, 1928	Homicide (gun)	Discharged April 24, 1929
Police Department, New York, New York	Thomas Luckese #B-68834	September 8, 1930	Homicide	Dismissed February 26, 1931
Police Department, Cleveland, Ohio	Thomas Luckese #--	July 4, 1931	Investigation	July 4, 1931 released
Police Department, New York, New York	Thomas Arra #B-68834	Inquiry October 12, 1932		
Alien Registration	Gaetano Lucchese #5073829	Alien Registration December 16, 1940		

In addition to the above arrests, the records of the Bureau of Criminal Identification, New York City Police Department, reflect the following arrests:

October 2, 1921, as Thomas Luchese, New York City, Grand Larceny, Auto, Detective Unger, 39th Squad,

January 19, 1922, turned over to Suffolk County Authorities, 3 years 8 months to 10 years Sing Sing, Judge Furman, Suffolk County Court.

August 30, 1927, as Thomas Arra, New York City, received, Detective Salter, 13th Squad, August 31, 1927; discharged Judge Edald, Fifth Court.

November 18, 1935, as Thomas Lacase, Manhattan, Vagrancy, Detective Sheehy, 18th Squad, November 18, 1935, discharged Judge Klepp, Seventh Court.

In November, 1952, the following were reported to be acquainted with Luchese:

Armand Chankalian, Administrative Assistant, United States Attorney, Southern District of New York;

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[redacted] Attorney, 55 Liberty Street, New York City;

[redacted] Administrative Assistant to Mayor Vincent Impellitteri, City Hall, New York City;

[redacted] alleged to be [redacted]

[redacted]

Former Congressman Vito Marcantonio, 11 Park Place, New York City;

[redacted] American Woolen Company, 225 Fourth Avenue, New York City;

[redacted] Hotel Roosevelt, New York City, [redacted]

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Anthony R. Di Pavlo, First Deputy Commissioner, Department of Water, Gas, Sewage, and Electricity;

[redacted] Municipal Building, New York City;  
City Magistrate Amadeo Lauritano;

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Al Rosengarten, Budget Dress Corporation, 254 West 35th Street,  
New York City;

[redacted]  
[redacted] Sol. and Oransky, 1440 Broadway, New York City;

[redacted]  
[redacted] Monda Sand and Gravel Corporation, Newburgh,  
New York;

[redacted] of Grio Press, 292 Lafayette Street, New  
York City;

[redacted] City Clerk, Municipal Building, New York City;

[redacted]  
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[redacted] and  
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In November, 1952, the following were alleged hoodlum  
associates of Luchese:

[redacted]  
Nunzio Pomilla, 2373 Washington Avenue, Bronx, New York;

Abraham Chait, 217 West 36th Street, New York City;

Vincent J. Mauro, 55 West 11th Street, New York City;

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Vincent Rao, Rao's Bar and Grill, 455 East 114th Street, Bronx, New York;

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Thomas Valenti, 26-37 123rd Street, Astoria, Long Island, New York. (Source: New York report of SA [REDACTED] dated December 3, 1952, captioned "Thomas Luchese, was., Denaturalization Proceedings" which was disseminated to the United States Attorney's Office, Southern District of New York and Eastern District of New York.)

In November, 1952, the following were reported to be close associates of Luchese:

Eddy Coco, then in a Florida penitentiary awaiting sentence on a murder charge;

Joe Stretch, also known as Joe Lagana, partner with Luchese at Braunell Limited;

Trigger Mike Cappola

Vincent Rao

Joe Rao

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In May, 1952, it was reported that Luchese was associated with known traffickers in narcotics. (Source: Agent [REDACTED] Federal Bureau of Narcotics, New York City.)

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The "Reader's Digest," issue of July, 1955, beginning on page 59, carried an article captioned "Gangsters in The Dress Business," written by Lester Veile. The article referred to Luchese as a big league underworld figure and as one of the biggest cloak and suit manufacturers in New York. The article claimed that Johnnie Dio, an admitted extortionist, was one of Luchese's ~~sewing~~ sewing contractors and that Abe Chait did Luchese's trucking. The article claimed that a former New York City mayor had dined with Luchese and had called him a friend, and that judges called at his home as did other officials in the United States Attorney's Office, as well as Tammany district leaders.

The "New York Daily News," issue of November 15, 1952, carried an article written by Martin Kivel and James Desmond which, in part, read:

"The frightening story of how Thomas (Three Finger Brown) Luchese, murder suspect, dope peddler and thug stamped his influence on the political life of New York and reached into high places to extract favors was put in the public record in Luchese's own words yesterday at the State Crime Commission hearing in the New York County Court House in Foley Square."

In 1952 it was reported that at that time Luchese had succeeded Frank Costello with respect to influence on crime and politics in New York City. Luchese reportedly had long been associated with many notorious criminals and racketeers. He had been observed by Narcotic Agents in company of such national narcotic figures as "Trigger" Mike Cappola, Sol Santora, and others. The allegation was also made that Luchese was known as the head of the Italian mob in the garment industry, had many legitimate businesses, but that his success was based on strong arm tactics. He was believed to be a partner of Abe Chait, garment trucking czar. (Source: New York report of SA [redacted] dated April 9, 1956, captioned "Garment Trucking Investigation, Anti-Racketeering," which was disseminated to the United States Attorney's Office, Southern District of New York.)

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In about June, 1955, it was reported that according to underworld talk, Abe Chait allegedly bought out Luchese for an even million dollars in cash for Luchese's interest in the garment center area with the understanding that thereafter

Luchese and his associates would leave this area to Chait.

It was reported that Luchese was connected in 1949 with [redacted] New York City Police Department Number [redacted] in a "protection racket" in the garment center. The victims allegedly were non union shops which paid off in order to operate.

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Reported allegations have been received that Harry Strasser was a "strong arm" man and collector for Luchese in the garment district. (Source: New York report of SA [redacted] dated April 9, 1956, captioned "Garment Trucking Investigation, Anti-Racketeering," which was disseminated to the United States Attorney's Office, Southern District of New York.)

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The "New York Mirror," issue of July 4, 1958, final edition, page three, carried an article which was date lined Washington, July 3, 1958. This article reflected that Luchese had testified before the Senate Subcommittee to Investigate Improper Activities in the Labor Management Field and testified that he was a respectable dress contractor and not a member of the dreaded Mafia.

He stated before the Committee that to reveal his sources of income might incriminate him. When he was read a list of names of individuals alleged to be connected with the underworld and asked which were his friends, Luchese gave the same reply.

The "New York Post," issue of September 26, 1958, page four, carried an article which stated that some California legislative committee was investigating charges that a group of racketeers, including Thomas Luchese, had tried to take over Mario Lanza's singing career. The article claimed that in 1955, Luchese, accompanied by a well-known clothier and another racketeer, went to Lanza's home near Beverly Hills and offered to take over the singer's career.

The following is a description of Thomas Luchese:

Name: Thomas Luchese with aliases, Gaetano Lucchese (true name), Thomas Lerra, Fats Brown, Four Finger Brown, Three Finger Brown, Tommy Brown, Thomas Lucase, Thomas Luckese, Thomas Luschese, Gaetano Lucchesse

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Height:	5'4"
Weight:	140 pounds
Eyes:	Brown
Hair:	Black
Build:	Medium
Complexion:	Dark
Date of birth:	December 1, 1899
Place of birth:	Palermo, Italy
Scars and marks:	Right index finger amputated
FBI Number:	168 275



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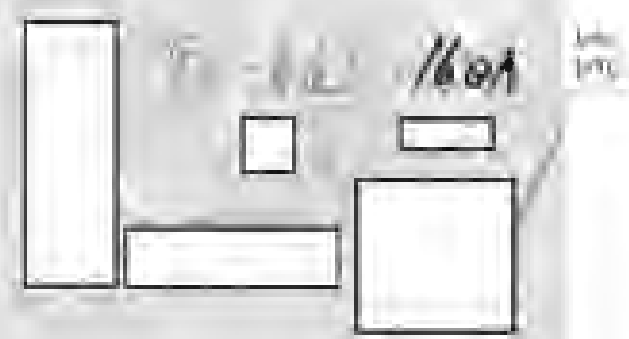
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TO : SAC, New York (92-665)

DATE: 12/23/58

FROM : SAC, Miami (92-203)

SUBJECT: THOMAS LUCHESE, aka,;  
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On December 18, 1958, SA [redacted] determined Hollywood, Fla., telephone number WA 2-3050 is listed to the passenger station of the Florida East Coast Railroad, 300 N. 21st Avenue, Hollywood. In view of public nature of this telephone, no further inquiry being made.

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# Senate Racket Probe To Star Hoods on TV

By PAUL HENRY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 (AP) — A parade of hoodlums will be shown on TV when Senate racketeers are called to the early next year. They will be shown in the courtroom of the United States Supreme Court, which is expected to hear the case of the late Alvin Karpis.



Robert Kennedy  
Smith, tobacco, dress coats

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SAC, MIAMI (92-203)

12/31/58

SAC, BOSTON (92-275)

THOMAS LUCHESE, aka  
ANTI-RACKETEERING

(OO: New York)

Rerep SA [redacted] dated 11/26/58, at New York

PERRY MARCHEZIANO, 168 Dover St., Brockton, Mass., advised SA [redacted] on 12/19/58, that his son, ROCKY MARCIANO is presently residing at 4820 S.W. 86th Terrace, Coral Gables, Florida.

Miami is requested to handle interview of MARCIANO as requested in referenced report.

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (92-665)

DATE: 12/31/58

FROM : SA [REDACTED] MINEOLA RA

SUBJECT: THOMAS LUCHESE, Was  
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Re report of SA [REDACTED] 9/19/58, at New York.

Captain [REDACTED] Nassau County Police Department, Mineola, New York, advised on 11/11/58 that he could locate no arrest records for NICK PATTI, 2 Tally Road, Roslyn, Long Island, New York.

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[REDACTED] United States Post Office, Hewlett, Long Island, New York, advised on 11/12/58 that [REDACTED] were residing in care of [REDACTED]

On November 14, 1958 [REDACTED] Station A, United States Post Office, Great Neck, New York, advised that OSCAR and ELEANOR ZINN, 22 Pond Park Road, Great Neck, New York still reside at this address.

On November 14, 1958 Captain [REDACTED] <sup>NA</sup> Long Beach, New York Police Department, advised SA [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] is employed at [REDACTED] City of Long Beach. He stated that [REDACTED] has an excellent reputation in the Long Beach Area.

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Attempts were made to contact [REDACTED] on the following dates with negative results: 11/14/58; 12/2, 4, 24/58. Attempts to contact [REDACTED] during December 4, 24 were made by SA [REDACTED]

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The writer will continue to made attempts to contact [REDACTED] and will submit results of this interview at the earliest opportunity.

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TITLE OF CASE  <b>THOMAS LUCHESE, aka.</b>		Report made by <b>[Redacted]</b>	Typed By: <b>[Redacted]</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>ANTI-RACKETEERING</b>	

Synopsis:

REFERENCES:

New York report of SA **[Redacted]** dated 11/26/58.  
Miami letters to New York, dated 12/5 and 23/58.  
Philadelphia letter to New York, dated 12/10/58.

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LEADS

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At Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Two copies of this report are being furnished Philadelphia as they have investigation pending in that Division.

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At New York, New York

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Approved <b>[Redacted]</b>	Special Agent in Charge <b>[Redacted]</b>	Do not write in spaces below	
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2. Will spot check at 821 E. 160th St., Bronx, NY, for subject's presence there.

3. Will spot check at 462 7th Ave., NY, NY, for subject's presence there.

4. Will interview [redacted] at [redacted] concerning his knowledge of subject and his activities in Pennsylvania.

5. Will spot check subject's residence, 74 Royat St., Lido Beach, LI, NY, for subject's presence there.

6. Will recontact NYC Patrolman [redacted] to determine when he has seen the subject at 821 E. 160th St., Bronx, NY.

7. Will determine if Amy Deb Fashions, Inc., which is [redacted] new business, is located at 462 or 463 7th Ave., NY, NY.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Report of:

SA [REDACTED]

Office:

NEW YORK

Date:

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File Number: New York 92-665; Bufile 92-2878

Title:

THOMAS LUCHESE

Character:

ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

Subject continues to reside at 74 Royat St., Lido Beach, LI, NY. Information concerning subject's acquiring plant in Scranton, Pa., set forth. [REDACTED] has new business, Amy Deb Fashions, Inc., NY, NY. Subject stopped at Balmoral Hotel, Bal Harbor, Miami, Fla., 1/19 through 2/21; 3/15 through 17; 12/19 through 23/57; and 2/17 through 3/17/58. Subject reported scheduled to appear before Senate Rackets Probe which will be televised early 1959.

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DETAILS:

A. PERSONAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

1. Residence

On December 10, 1958, [redacted] Bordens Milk Company employee, who is subject's milkman, advised that there has been no change at all in the subject's milk deliveries since he was last conducted in October, 1958. He has seen the subject's daughter at the subject's home on a few occasions and on one occasion with a man whom he believed to be her husband. He will notify the New York Office in the event there are any changes whatsoever in the subject's daily milk deliveries to his residence.

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On December 10, 1958, [redacted]  
[redacted] advised SAS [redacted] and [redacted] that she has resided [redacted] for [redacted] years and knows him by sight. She claimed she knew nothing of the subject, his associates, or habits. She stated that she does not possess any information concerning business interest of other members of his family. She advised that she has little or no contact with the subject. In fact, she mentioned that she did not know if they were at home or in at the time of the interview. She stated that it is possible for them not to be home and she not know about it.

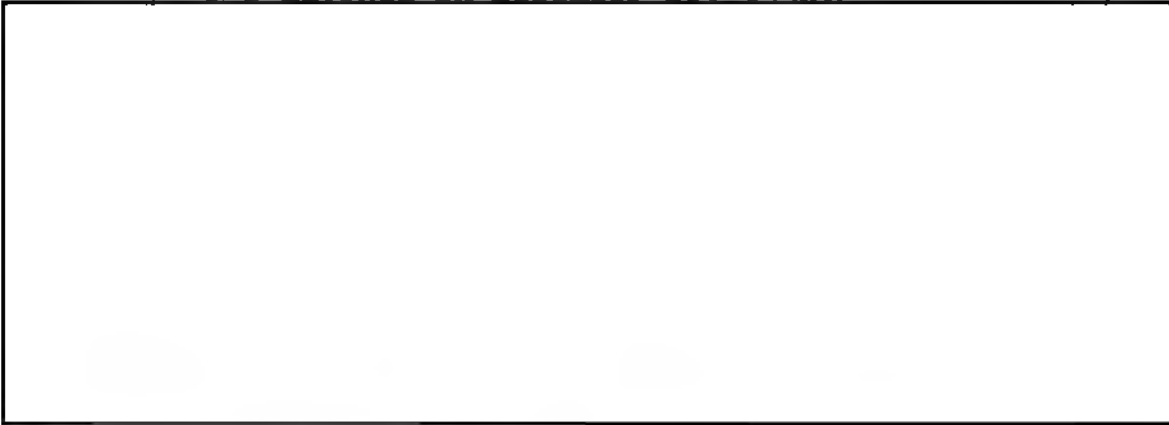
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She advised that the subject's son, [redacted]  
[redacted] has been to her home for social visits or cocktail parties on a few occasions, but she emphasized that at the same time all the neighbors were invited and many of them attended. She stated that the subject or his wife very seldom attend any social functions involving the neighbors.

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T-1 advised on December 10, 1958, [redacted]



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B. LEGITIMATE ENTERPRISES

On November 10, 1958, [redacted]

[redacted] advised SA [redacted] his Advertising Specialties business has grown rapidly in the past few years, and he had been alert to the need for larger space. Some time during September, 1958, he drove by the Harvic Manufacturing building and noted the building was for sale. He subsequently examined the premises and decided they would be suitable for his needs.

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[redacted] said his attorney, [redacted] of [redacted] got in touch with [redacted] Brooks Building, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, and on October 1, 1958, the purchase was made. He stated the purchase price was \$27,500.00, and that possession of the premises was assumed on November 1, 1958. [redacted] said [redacted] was the only individual representing the vendor, and personally [redacted] has never met subject or his son, [redacted] recalled there had been some mention of subject during the proceedings, but felt it had been only a reference to whether the vendor was also known as "Three Fingers Brown". [redacted] recollection was that [redacted] remarked he always referred to the vendor as Mr. LOCHESE.

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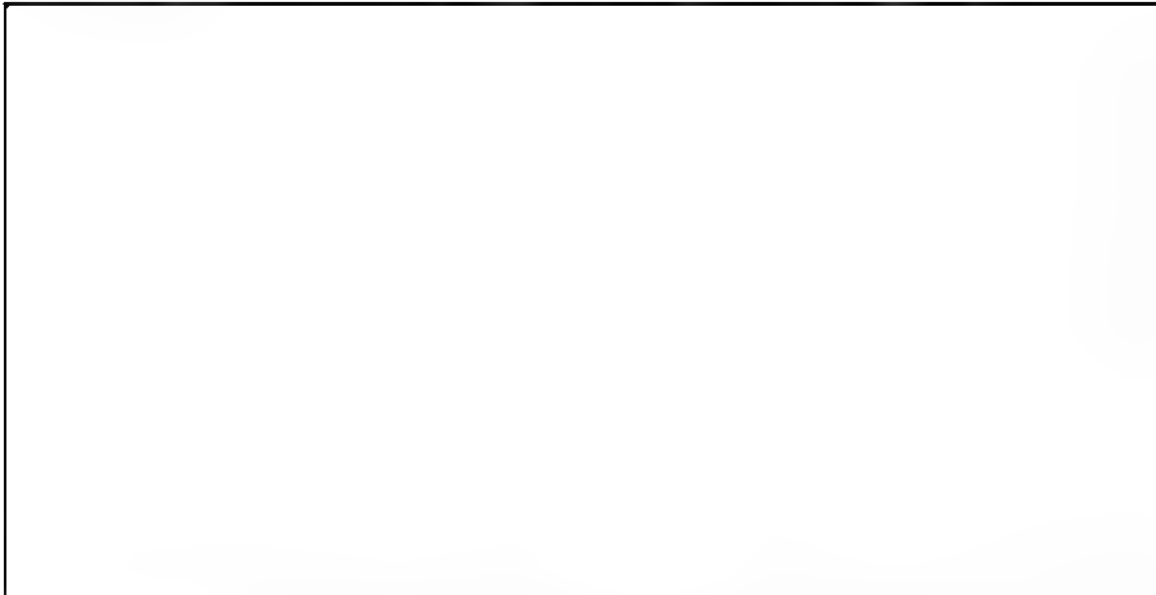
also advised that the few pieces of machinery that were in the plant when he inspected it had been meanwhile removed by truck to New York City, inasmuch as the truck used bore a New York City trucking concern's name. This name he was unable to recall, but stated the machinery had been removed on a Friday during the middle part of October, 1958.

A negative attempt was made to contact

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On November 25, 1958, inquiry at Oscar Zinn Enterprises, 1407 Broadway, New York, New York, determined Mr. ZINN was not in, but an appointment was made to interview Mr. ZINN on December 2, 1958.

On December 2, 1958, OSCAR ZINN was interviewed at the above-mentioned address. He stated that he was the former owner of Gary Company and that he sold the fixtures, machines, etc. at the Harvic plant in Scranton, Pennsylvania, to the subject in 1954. Prior to this business deal, he had never met the subject. He had heard in the industry that the subject might be interested in buying his plant, and claimed that one day he approached the subject on the street, introducing himself, and the subject became interested in ZINN's deal. Later, the subject and his friend, AL ROSENGARTEN, of Budget Dress Company, and ZINN drove to Scranton in ROSENGARTEN's car to look over the plant. The subject paid around \$5,000.00 down and the remainder in notes.



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ZINN recalled that the subject's check was drawn on the Greenridge Bank in Scranton, Pennsylvania. The subject did not have any attorneys represent him, but used ZINN's attorney. In late 1956, or early 1957, ZINN sold the building to the subject.

ZINN maintained that he has not seen the subject since 1957 when he sold him the building. He volunteered that from his knowledge of the subject and through the way he conducted himself during their business transactions, he could not believe what he reads in the newspapers about the subject. He stated the subject was completely honest in all his dealings.

He has met [redacted] who he described as a very fine boy and [redacted]

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ZINN stated that regarding ROSENGARTEN he has been in the dress manufacturing business since about 1938. ZINN has heard in the industry that the subject has been a friend of ROSENGARTEN for about 20 years. To ZINN's knowledge, there is no business connections between the subject and ROSENGARTEN.

ZINN stated that he had heard that the subject has recently sold the Harvie plant in Scranton, Pennsylvania. [redacted] has recently started a new dress business, which is named Amy Deh Fashions, Incorporated, located at 462 7th Avenue, New York, New York.

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ZINN stated that he had bought his former partner, [redacted] out of the partnership prior to selling the plant to the subject. ZINN made a point 2 or 3 times that [redacted] would not know anything about the subject or the transaction concerning the sale of the Harvie plant.

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The records of T-2 reflect that [redacted]

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On November 25, 1958, inquiry at Jack Liebermans Sportswear, 1370 Broadway, New York, New York, determined that [redacted] could be reached through this firm's offices at 462 7th Avenue, New York, New York.

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On December 4, 1958, inquiry at this firm's office at 462 7th Avenue, New York, New York, determined [redacted] was not in.

[redacted] Inquiry there on December 22, 1958, determined that [redacted] was out of town and would return on or about January 5, 1959.

On December 2, 1958, New York City Patrolman [redacted] Badge Number [redacted] 42nd Precinct, advised that on November 3, 1958, he saw the subject at 821 East 160th Street, Bronx, New York, and was in a brown colored car, make of which he did not note, but which AL ROSENGARTEN was driving. He is not sure, but believes that they were there because over the previous week-end someone had burglarized [redacted] dresses and about \$500.00 worth of dresses were stolen.

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He advised that on about November 14, 1958, he saw the subject and his son at the East 160th Street address. When he first observed them they were walking towards him, having come from the direction of Prospect Avenue and he suspects that they might have come by subway.

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Spot checks were made at [REDACTED]

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Spot checks were made at [REDACTED]

C. ASSOCIATES

T/4 advised [REDACTED]

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D. CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

The "New York Daily News", final edition on December 30, 1958, page 10, carried an article captioned "Senate Racket to Star Hoods on TV". The article was datelined Washington, on December 29, 1958, and related that several top ranking New York hoodlums would face the Senate Racket Probe under television lights early next year. It indicated that they would be quizzed in their infiltration of the juke box and dress shop businesses. The article stated that they expected to show how some New York hoodlums had moved into the garment business and either kept firms from being organized by the International Ladies Garment Workers Union or fought the union where it had contracts.

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The article related that the leading witness would be ABE CHAIT, who is described as a trucking czar, and THOMAS LUCCHESI of Lido Beach, owner of dress shops in New York and Pennsylvania.

E. TRAVEL

T-3 advised [REDACTED]

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It was previously reported that the subject had been observed riding in a late model white Cadillac with New York plate 2Y9572 which the Bureau of Motor Vehicles advised was registered to [REDACTED]

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On December 3, 1958, [REDACTED] was interviewed by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at his business at 557 Glenmore Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. He stated that he did not own any Cadillac and the only car he has is a [REDACTED]. He produced the automobile registration under his name for a [REDACTED] with [REDACTED] plate [REDACTED]. This car was observed by the Agents parked in front of his business with the above same license plate. It is noted that the plate on the Cadillac was 2Y9572.

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The Bureau of Motor Vehicles was rechecked by SA [redacted] on December 3, 1958, and New York License 2Y9572 was registered for a 1958 Cadillac Club Sedan issued to the Budget Dress Corporation, 462 7th Avenue, New York, New York.

Spot checks were made [redacted]

It was previously reported that the subject had been observed at the Balmoral Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida, in the latter part of October, 1958.

On December 1, 1958, [redacted]

[redacted] Balmoral Hotel, Bal Harbor, Florida, advised SA [redacted] they were not acquainted with THOMAS LUCHESE under his true name or known aliases. They were unable to identify his photograph. None of them had heard of subject having stopped at that hotel in October, 1958.

[redacted] produced registration and accounting records which reflected that "THOMAS LUCKESE, 74 Royat Street, Lido Beach, L.I." had stopped at the Balmoral Hotel on the following occasions:

From January 19, 1957 to February 21, 1957, he occupied Room 352 alone.

From January 21, 1957 to February 17, 1957, he occupied Room 348 alone.

On February 21, 1957, his wife checked in and occupied Room 348 with him.

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None of the above employees were able to reconcile the conflict of dates other than to say that the records simply reflected that he had two rooms at the same time.

From March 15, 1957 to March 17, 1957,  
he occupied Room 329A alone.

From December 19, 1957 to December 23, 1957,  
he occupied Room 250 alone.

On February 17, 1958, Mr. and Mrs. THOMAS  
LUCKESE checked into Room 352 and remained  
there until March 17, 1958.

On February 22, 1958, [redacted]  
[redacted] checked  
into Room 350 and remained eight days.

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There was no record of subject THOMAS LUCKESE  
having stayed at the Balmoral Hotel anytime in 1958 except  
on the above occasion.

[redacted] advised records of local calls made by  
guests are not kept according to number and that records  
of long distance calls in 1957 had been destroyed. He  
advised his records reflected that only two long distance  
calls had been made from Room 352 during the time it was  
rented to THOMAS LUCKESE from February 17, 1958 to March  
17, 1958. On February 19, 1958, an eight minute call was  
made to [redacted] number [redacted] On  
March 17, 1958, a one minute call was made to Hollywood,  
Florida, number WA 2-3050.

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[redacted] Doorman, Balmoral Hotel, advised  
on December 1, 1958, THOMAS LUCKESE was known to him as a  
guest who had stopped there on several occasions within the  
past two years. He said he knew nothing about his associates  
and could not recall having seen him with anyone other than  
an elderly woman believed to be his wife. He said LUCKESE

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always rented an automobile at the door, which cars are owned by Morse's Auto Rental Company, 7726 NE 2nd Avenue, Miami, Florida, which concern is owned by [redacted]. He said he had not seen LUCKESE since the winter season of 1957 - 1958. He said that if LUCKESE had been around the Balmoral Hotel since then he probably would have rented a car from Morse Auto Rental.

[redacted] Morse's Auto Rental Company, advised on December 3, 1958, he could find no record of a car having been rented to LUCKESE since March, 1958, when he was at the Balmoral.

On December 18, 1958, SA [redacted] determined Hollywood, Florida, telephone number WA 2-3050 is listed to the passenger station of the Florida East Coast Railroad, 300 N. 21st Avenue, Hollywood, Florida. In view of the public nature of this telephone, no further inquiry is being made.

#### F. MISCELLANEOUS

On December 3, 1958, IC ALFRED G. ENMULAT checked the records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York on ALFRED ROSENGARTEN, Budget Dress Company, New York City. Their records, as of March, 1949, reflected the following information:

ALFRED and MYRA ROSENGARTEN resided at 23 Micieli Place, Brooklyn, New York. As of 1955, they resided at 159 Beach 137th Street, Neponsit, Long Island, New York, whose business was the Budget Dress Company, 254 West 35th Street, New York, New York. He is married and is 42 years of age and has two children. He owned the property at Micieli Place for seven years and the property was valued at \$15,000. He is Vice President and Secretary of Budget Dress since the inception of that firm and his salary is in excess of \$5,000.00 per year. The firm does business at the Bank of Yorktown, 500 7th Avenue, New York, New York, since 1938. Another banking connection is National City Bank, 55 Wall Street, New York. There is nothing else in the file.

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INFORMANTS:

<u>Informant</u>	<u>Date Contacted</u>	<u>Contacted By</u>
T-1 [redacted]	12/10/58	SA [redacted]
T-2 [redacted]	12/4/58	IC [redacted]
T-3 [redacted]	12/2/58	SA [redacted]

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During  
October, 1958

Special Agents of  
Miami Office per  
Miami letter to  
New York, dated  
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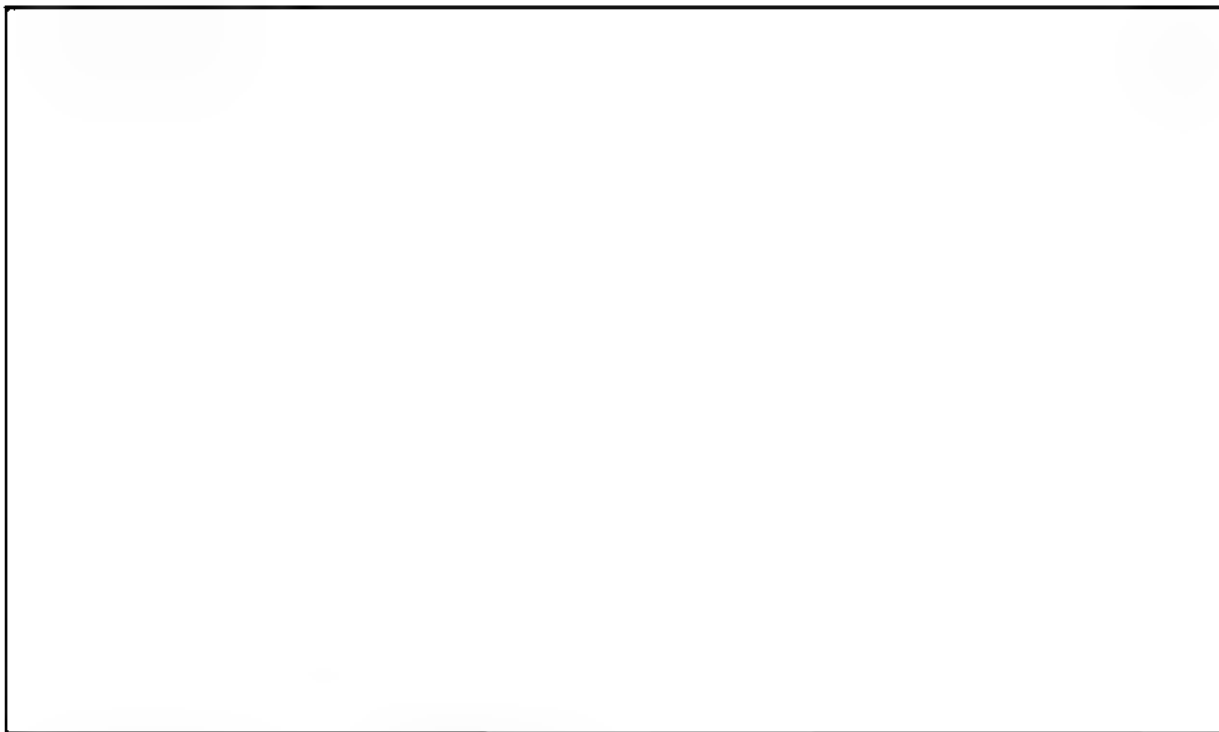
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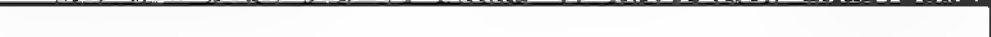


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FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS AND  
PLANS FOR INFORMANT COVERAGE

The New York Office plans to interview individuals  
who are 

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(OO - NY)

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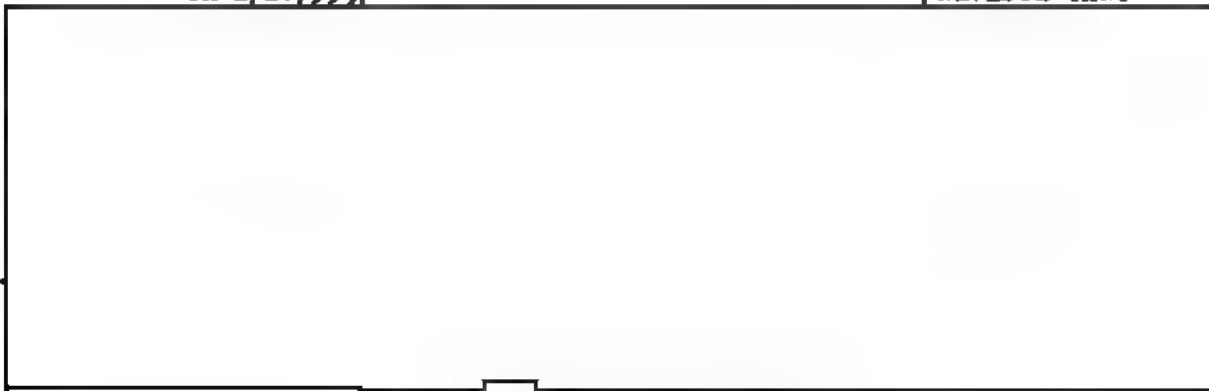
Rereps SA [ ] NY, 11/26/58 and 1/15/59; MM let to NY and PH, 12/5/58.

On 12/24/58, a check of the Scranton, Pa., telephone directory reflected that DI. 6-0796 is listed to the Harvic Sportswear, Inc., 1007 Capouse Avenue, Scranton. It is to be noted that there is no telephone exchange "WE" in Scranton, Pa. Also, that Harvic Sportswear was operated by subject LUCHESE.

Numerous telephonic inquiries were made at Michele Frocks, 210 N. Main Avenue, Scranton, telephone number DI. 6-0400. to contact [ ] but on each occasion SA [ ] was advised that [ ] was not in the city.

On 1/29/59, [ ] Hotel Jermyrn, advised that his records indicate that the last registration at the hotel for [ ] was 7/7/58. [ ] stated that he personally used to see [ ] at the hotel when the latter was stopping there.

On 1/26/59, [ ] advised that



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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC MIAMI (92-203)

DATE: 1/19/59

FROM : SAC NEW YORK (92-665)

SUBJECT: THOMAS LUCHESE, was.  
ANTI-RACKETEERING

(OO) NEW YORK)

Reference is made to the Report of SA [ ] dated  
11/26/58 at New York.

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Referenced report sets forth a lead for the New York Division at  
[ ] to interview [ ]

[ ] Postmaster, [ ] advised SA [ ]  
on 1/19/59 that [ ] is not in [ ] and the only  
address he has for [ ]

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Will attempt to locate and interview [ ]  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (92-665)

DATE: 2/5/59

FROM : SA [REDACTED] MINEOLA RA

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Anti-Racketeering

Re Memo of SA LUECKENHOFF 12-31-58.

[REDACTED] City Engineer, City of Long Beach, New York, and residing [REDACTED] was interviewed on 2-4-59 by the writer and SA [REDACTED]. He advised that he has only met THOMAS LUCHESE on one occasion when in his capacity as City Engineer of the City of Long Beach he was telephonically requested by LUCHESE to come to his home on Ragat Street for the purposes of making a survey for additional water supply in this home. He advised that this was approximately two years ago and following this request he visited LUCHESE'S home and made a determination that an additional supply was needed. He stated that in his official capacity he contacted officials of the Town of Hempstead Water Board and forwarded this request. He further stated that this is the only contact he or any member of his family to his knowledge has ever has with LUCHESE.

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[REDACTED] pointed out however that he and his family are close personal friends of the [REDACTED] family who reside [REDACTED]. He further advised that both families and members of both families make frequent visits to each residence, both the [REDACTED] residence and the [REDACTED] residence.

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[REDACTED] advised that he was on vacation and out of Long Beach during January 1959.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (92-665)

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (92-602)

SUBJECT: THOMAS LUCHESE, was.  
ANTI-RACKETEERING  
OO: New York.

DATE: February 10, 1959

Rerep SA [ ] New York, dated 11/26/58.

The information relative to subject's alleged attempt to take over the career of MARIO LANZA was reported in the Los Angeles area by CBS newscaster, BILL STOUT, who used the subject of crime as a "special feature telecast" on 9/25/58, to coincide with a hearing by a California Legislative Committee, headed by Senator EDWIN J. REGAN, into criminal activities in California. On 9/26/58, [ ] furnished SA [ ]

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[redacted] advised SA [redacted] on 9/26/58, that

[redacted]

On 1/12/59, [redacted] Screen Actors Guild, 7750 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, advised SA [redacted] that MARIO LANZA was presently out of the country, but that he would make appropriate inquiry to determine when he might return.

On 1/30/59, [redacted] advised that LANZA was presently in Italy and apparently intended to stay there indefinitely. According to [redacted] the current address of LANZA is Via Bruxelles, 56, Rome, Italy.

A review of the Los Angeles indices fails to reflect any further information relative to subject not already known by the New York Office. In this connection, the attention of the New York Office is directed to recent information relative to subject located in the case captioned, "FRANK JOSEPH MAZZETTE, aka... AR: 00: Los Angeles; New York file 92-1101. The report of SA [redacted] Los Angeles, dated 1/30/59, contains additional information relative to subject. A copy of this report has been furnished the New York Office.

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*Office Memorandum* • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (92-665)

DATE: 2/12/59

FROM : SAC, NEWARK (92-427)

SUBJECT: THOMAS LUCHESE, was.  
ANTI-RACKETEERING  
OO: NEW YORKRerep of SA [ ] dated 11/26/58 at  
New York.Lt. [ ] NJSP, Princeton, N.J.,  
advised SA [ ] on 2/6/59, that [ ]Newark, at [ ] will  
attempt to locate and interview [ ] as set out in rerep.2 - New York  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (92-665)

DATE: 2/27/59

FROM : SAC, MIAMI (92-203)

SUBJECT: THOMAS LUCHESE, aka  
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(OO: NY)

Rerep SA [ ] 1/15/59, New York.

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On January 7, 1959, it was determined that ROCKY MARCIANO no longer resides at 4820 Southwest 86th Terrace, South Miami. He has moved to Ft. Lauderdale, but has refused to give his address to his acquaintances in Miami.

On January 21, 1959, CHRIS DUNDEE advised SA [ ] that MARCIANO can be reached at Ft. Lauderdale through phone No. Jackson 2-1365.

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On February 24, 1959, ROCKY MARCIANO, 3043 North Federal Highway, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, advised SA [ ] that during 1955 he attended a small party at the Los Angeles, California home of MARIO LANZA. He recalled that THOMAS LUCHESE attended this party with another unknown individual.

MARCIANO advised that he, MARCIANO, had been accompanied to the party by [ ]

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He recalled that LANZA had entertained his guests and throughout the party had at one time or another been in conversation with most of the guests. He stated he could not recall that LUCHESE conversed with LANZA at any time. He stated he was not aware that LUCHESE had attempted to take over LANZA's singing career, and that he, MARCIANO, had never threatened LUCHESE. He stated he is not aware of the reason for LUCHESE's attendance at LANZA's party, but he, MARCIANO, has absolutely no knowledge of any threats made to LANZA by LUCHESE. RUC

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*Office Memorandum* • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (92-665)

DATE: 3/12/59

FROM : SAC, NEWARK (92-427)

SUBJECT: THOMAS LUCHESE, aka.  
ANTI-RACKETEERING  
(OO: NEW YORK)

Re: Newark letter to New York dated 2/12/59.

On March 2, 1959, [redacted] also known as [redacted] was interviewed at his place of employment, Learnard Chevrolet Company, 514 Washington Avenue, Belleville, New Jersey, by SAS [redacted] and [redacted] advised he is employed as a car salesman.

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[redacted] advised that he is not related to THOMAS LUCHESE. He stated that his mother's name was [redacted] and that she was from [redacted] and, therefore, when he was once arrested it was presumed that he was related to LUCHESE and it has remained that way since. [redacted] said this arrest was in Bergen County, New Jersey for possession of stolen merchandise and it is the only time he has ever been arrested.

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[redacted] said he does not know THOMAS LUCHESE and could furnish no information about him. -RUC-

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Reporting Office <b>NEW YORK</b>	Office of Origin <b>NEW YORK</b>	Date <b>3/23/59</b>	Investigative Period <b>1/12 - 3/20/59</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>THOMAS LUCHESE, aka.</b>		Report made by <div></div>	Typed By: <div></div>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>ANTI-RACKETEERING</b>	

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Synopsis:

## REFERENCES:

Report of SA  1/15/59, New York.  
Philadelphia letter to New York, 1/30/59.  
Los Angeles letter to New York, 2/10/59.  
Newark letter to New York, 2/12/59.  
Miami letter to New York, 2/27/59.  
Report of SA  captioned   
 aka., AR, 1/20/59, Los Angeles.

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## ADMINISTRATIVE

On 12/1/58, officials of the Balmoral Hotel, Bal Harbor, Florida, advised Special Agents of the Miami Office that while the subject was a guest there from 2/17/58 to 3/13/58, a telephone call was made from the room occupied by him to WI 6-0796, Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Approved <div></div>	Special Agent In Charge <div></div>	Do not write in spaces below	
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On 12/24/59, a check of the Scranton, Pennsylvania, Telephone Directory reflected that DI 6-0796 is listed to HARVIC SPORTSWEAR, INC., 1007 Capouse Avenue, Scranton. It is noted that HARVIC SPORTSWEAR, was operated by the subject.

LEADS

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At New York, New York

1. Will consider having MARIO LANZA interviewed at Rome, Italy, concerning the alleged takeover of his career by the subject. ✓

2. Will attempt to determine if [REDACTED] ✓  
[REDACTED]

3. Upon receipt of a current address for [REDACTED] ✓  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

4. Will spot check at 821 East 160th Street, Bronx, New York, for subject's presence there. ✓

5. Will spot check at 462 Seventh Avenue, New York, New York, for subject's presence there. ✓

6. Will interview [REDACTED] at J. LIEBERMANS, 462 Seventh Avenue, New York, New York, concerning his knowledge of subject and his activities in Pennsylvania. ✓

7. Will spot check subject's residence, 74 Royat Street, Lido Beach, Long Island, New York, for subject's presence there.

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8. Will recontact New York City Patrolman [redacted] to determine when he has seen the subject at 821 East 160th Street, Bronx, New York.

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9. Will determine if AMY DEB FASHIONS, INC., which is [redacted] new business is located at 462 or 463 Seventh Avenue, New York, New York.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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## Copy to:

Report of: SA [REDACTED]  
Date: 3/23/59

Office: NEW YORK

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File Number: New York 92-665

Bureau 92-2878

Title: THOMAS LUCHESE

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Subject continues to reside at 74 Royat Street, Lido  
Beach, Long Island, NY. NJSP advised one [REDACTED]b3  
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Former world heavyweight champion ROCKY MARCIANO advised  
he knew of no attempt to take over the singing career of  
MARIO LANZA. Informant advised that [REDACTED][REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] contacts of subject interviewed with negative  
results. [REDACTED] informants advised [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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DETAILS:

A. PERSONAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

1. Residence

On March 13, 1959, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised SA [REDACTED]

that [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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B. CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

The "New York Post," issue of September 26, 1958, page four, carried an article entitled, "Death, Mobs, Courts Spell Grief for Stars." The article stated,

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in part, that a California Legislative Committee was investigating charges that a group of racketeers, including the subject, was attempting to take over the singing career of MARIO LANZA.

The information relative to subject's alleged attempt to take over the career of MARIO LANZA was reported in the Los Angeles area by Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) newscaster BILL STOUT, who used the subject of crime as a "special feature telecast" on September 25, 1958, to coincide with a hearing by a California Legislative Committee, headed by Senator EDWIN J. REGAN, into criminal activities in California. On September 26, 1958, T-1 furnished SA [redacted]

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T-1 advised SA [REDACTED] on September 26, 1958.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] T-1 had no further information relative to this matter.

On January 12, 1959, [REDACTED] Screen Actors Guild, 7750 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, advised SA [REDACTED] that MARIO LANZA was presently out of the country, but that he would make appropriate inquiry to determine when he might return.

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On January 30, 1959, [REDACTED] advised that LANZA was presently in Italy and apparently intended to stay there indefinitely. According to [REDACTED] the current address of LANZA is Via Bruxelles, 56, Rome, Italy.

On January 7, 1959, it was determined that ROCKY MARCIANO no longer resides at 4820 Southwest 86th Terrace, South Miami. He has moved to Fort Lauderdale, but has refused to give his address to his acquaintances in Miami.

On January 21, 1959, CHRIS DUNDEE advised SA [REDACTED] that MARCIANO can be reached at Fort Lauderdale through telephone number Jackson 2-1365.

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On February 24, 1959, ROCKY MARCIANO, 3043 North Federal Highway, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, advised SA [REDACTED] that during 1955 he attended a small party at the Los Angeles, California, home of MARIO LANZA. He recalled that THOMAS LUCHESE attended this party with another unknown individual.



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MARCIANO advised that he, MARCIANO, had been accompanied to the party by [REDACTED]

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He recalled that LANZA had entertained his guests and throughout the party had at one time or another been in conversation with most of the guests. He stated he could not recall that LUCHESE conversed with LANZA at any time. He stated that he was not aware that LUCHESE had attempted to take over LANZA'S singing career and that he, MARCIANO, had never threatened LUCHESE. He stated he is not aware of the reason for LUCHESE'S attendance at LANZA'S party, but he, MARCIANO, has absolutely no knowledge of any threats made to LANZA by LUCHESE.

C. POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

On January 28, 1959, T-2 advised that [REDACTED]

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The New York "Daily Mirror," January 27, 1959, edition, in a column written by LEE MORTIMER, fifth paragraph, listed the following information:

"I wonder what became of Charlie Poletti, Herbert Leman's protege who almost emptied Sing Sing. He freed a tophood<sup>day</sup> for thirty days."

D. CONTACTS

1. [REDACTED]

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[redacted] City Engineer, City of Long Beach, New York, and residing [redacted]

[redacted] was interviewed on February 4,

1959, by SA [redacted] and [redacted]

He advised that he has only met THOMAS LUCHESE on one occasion when in his capacity as City Engineer of the City of Long Beach he was telephonically requested by LUCHESE to come to his home on Royat Street for the purpose of making a survey for additional water supply in this home. He advised that this was approximately two years ago and following this request he visited LUCHESE'S home and made a determination that an additional supply was needed. He stated that in his official capacity he contacted officials of the Town of Hempstead Water Board and forwarded this request. He further stated that this is the only contact he or any member of his family to his knowledge has ever had with LUCHESE.

[redacted] pointed out, however, that he and his family are close personal friends of the [redacted] family who reside at [redacted]

[redacted] He further advised that both families and members of both families make frequent visits to each residence, both the [redacted] residence and the [redacted] residence.

[redacted] advised that he was on vacation and out of Long Beach during January, 1959.

2. [redacted]

During January, 1959, numerous telephonic inquiries were made at MICHELE PROCKS, 210 North Main Avenue, Scranton, Pennsylvania, in attempts to contact [redacted]

[redacted] However, on each occasion SA [redacted] was advised that [redacted] was not in the city.

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On January 29, 1959, [redacted]  
Hotel Jermyn, advised that his records indicate that the  
last registration at the hotel for [redacted] was  
July 7, 1958. [redacted] stated that he personally used  
to see [redacted] at the hotel when the latter was stopping  
there.

On January 26, 1959, [redacted]  
advised that [redacted]

3. AL ROSEGARDEN  
OSCAR ZINN  
[redacted]

T-3 advised during January, 1959, that [redacted]

T-2 advised that [redacted]

T-3 was of the opinion that [redacted]

4. Miscellaneous

On September 19, 1958, T-4 advised [redacted]

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On September 17, 1958, [redacted]  
Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York, advised SA [redacted]  
[redacted] that FRANK CORELL, alias JIMMY HAMM, was sentenced  
December 12, 1930, to forty years to life for murder  
second degree, plus five years for possession of a gun.

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In 1951 HAMM was transferred to Greenhaven, New York.

T-5 and T-6 both advised [REDACTED]

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T-6 elaborated by stating [REDACTED]

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On July 14, 1953, SA [REDACTED] during a conversation with [REDACTED]

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On February 20, 1959, the Identification Division forwarded a copy of subject's identification record under FBI Number 168275 which reflected that a copy of this record together with fingerprint card and photograph were furnished to the California State Bureau as identical with the subject of their inquiry dated February 11, 1959.

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INFORMANTS

T-1	[redacted] contacted by SA [redacted] [redacted] 9/26/58, at Los Angeles
T-2	[redacted] contacted by SA [redacted] [redacted] 1/28/59
T-3	[redacted] contacted by SA [redacted]
T-4	[redacted] contacted 1958 and 1959
T-5	[redacted] contacted by SA [redacted] and [redacted]
T-6	[redacted]

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DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2878)

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SAC, NEW YORK (92-665)

THOMAS LUCHESE aka;  
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Rerep of SA  dated and captioned as  
above.

Enclosed are 3 copies of rerep, together with 2  
letterhead memoranda, the first evaluating sources covered  
by T symbols in rerep, and the second setting forth the  
captions of investigations in which reports concerning  
subject have previously been furnished to appropriate United  
States Attorneys.

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FBI

Date: 8/25/60

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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To: SAC, Albany

PERSONAL ATTENTION

From: Director, FBI

**CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM**

In accordance with existing Bureau policy to insure that all pertinent information acquired through investigation of hoodlums and in further implementation of the instructions set forth in Bulet to Albany of June 14, 1960, captioned, "Dissemination to Department of Information on Racketeers - Criminal Intelligence Program," there are set forth hereinafter instructions regarding this dissemination program.

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Airtel to SAC, Albany  
Re: CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM

You should prepare and forward to the Bureau by September 10, 1960, a report on each of the individuals coming within the purview of Bulet to Albany, captioned "Dissemination to Department of Information on Racketeers - Criminal Intelligence Program," dated June 14, 1960.

Thereafter you are to prepare and forward to the Bureau a report prepared in the same fashion on each local and national top hoodlum whose investigation is currently in a pending or pending inactive status. These reports should reach the Bureau by October 10, 1960. Reports prepared in accordance with above instructions should be submitted on those national top hoodlums whose investigations are currently closed and should be forwarded to reach the Bureau by November 10, 1960. Reports need not be furnished on those national top hoodlums who are deceased or currently incarcerated. If a report is submitted for a subject on any of the above-described deadlines, it will be unnecessary to submit a second report in the event he also qualifies under any of the other categories.

① In carrying out these instructions, you will be expected to submit a comprehensive report reflecting in as much detail as possible all pertinent information in your files on each individual included in the above instructions. Each office will immediately submit to the Bureau, broken down by the deadline dates, a list of those individuals on whom reports will be submitted.

You should insure that the instructions set forth herein are given close personal attention and that all requirements are complied with as expeditiously as possible.

## RECORD OF INFORMATION FURNISHED OTHER AGENCIES

Orally 11/8/60 By Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Written Communication \_\_\_\_\_  
date date date

Information concerning:

Thomas Luchese  
 74 Royat St., Lido Beach

Information furnished from File, Serial, and Page Number:

92-665 Background Info

Information furnished was obtained:

- ☒ during course of Bureau investigation  
☐ from informants  
☐ from complainants or other sources

Information furnished to:

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Remarks:

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Special Agent

CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE SQUAD

October 24, 1960

Date

TO: Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Att: Special Agent -

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The Undersigned requests information on the following  
named Subject:

Name: Gaetano (Thomas) Lucchese  
@ "Three Finger" Brown, Tommy Brown, Tom Arra

Address: 74 Royatt Street, Lido Beach, LI.I

Date of Birth: Dec. 1, 1999, Palermo, Sicily

Identification Number: NYCPD - B#-68834

Other Identifying data:

Remarks: Request all available background information  
relative to subject- - - also any recent photographs.

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Detective

Shield No.

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Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

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[redacted] Assistant Attorney  
General, Criminal Division

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Thomas Luchese, New York, N.Y. - Anti-  
Racketeering

In the Summary Report of Special Agent [redacted]  
(New York, New York), dated September 7, 1960, with respect to  
Thomas Luchese, New York, N.Y., reference is made to information  
supplied by informant [redacted]

It is requested that the Criminal Division be furnished  
with the details of the information supplied by [redacted] with  
respect to [redacted]

[redacted] We are also particularly  
interested in ascertaining the source of [redacted] information  
and whether this informant would be available to testify in any  
future judicial proceeding.

This information is desired in connection with an  
[redacted]

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Date: 11/15/60

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Via \_\_\_\_\_

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TO: SAC, New York

✓ FROM: Director, FBI

THOMAS LUCHESE  
ANTI-RACKETEERING

There is attached for your information a copy of a communication received from the Department with reference to information contained in the report of SA [ ] dated September 7, 1960, on captioned subject.

The New York Office should advise Bureau immediately the necessary information to facilitate reply to the Department.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2878)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (92-665)

SUBJECT: THOMAS LUCHESE aka  
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Reurairtel 11/15/60, captioned as above.

The information appearing in the report of  
SA [redacted] dated 9/7/60, captioned as above re-  
garding [redacted]

SA [redacted] from [redacted] on 7/26/55.

On 11/21/60, [redacted] was recontacted by  
SA [redacted] advised that [redacted]

[redacted]

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1 - Supervisor (224)

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It is recommended by the NYO that   
not be made available to testify as such an appearance  
would place him in great personal danger.

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TITLE OF CASE  <b>THOMAS LUCHESE, aka</b>		REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 15px;"></div>	TYPED BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 15px;"></div>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>ANTI-RACKETEERING</b>	

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REFERENCE:Report of SA  9/7/60.ADMINISTRATIVE

THOMAS LUCHESE is the subject of an intensified investigation in the NYO pointing towards a penetration of the top hoodlum element. Efforts are currently being made to determine if the subject has a place where he meets other hoodlums or has a girl friend, so that appropriate surveillance and technical coverage can be afforded such areas.

As pointed out in the enclosed report, LUCHESE is extremely surveillance conscious and adopts methods either to detect or elude surveilling Agents.

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By becoming familiar with LUCHESE's routine, however, it has been possible on occasions to avoid detection by him and uncover what is believed to be another business endeavor by him;

Additional efforts are to be made using [REDACTED]

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Manufactures Trust Co., 158th St. and Westchester Ave.,  
Bronx, New York, was contacted by Special Agent  
[REDACTED] on Dec. 6, 1960.

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INFORMANTS

NY T-1

[Redacted]  
[Redacted] contacted  
by SA [Redacted]

NY T-2

[Redacted] contacted by SA [Redacted]  
[Redacted] in 1955, and by SA [Redacted]  
[Redacted] in 1960.

NY T-3

[Redacted]

Careful consideration has been given to the sources concealed, and T mysbols are utilized in this report only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

LEADS

MIAMI

At Miami, Florida

Will interview [Redacted]

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NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will determine the ownership and management of the Kismet Curtain Company, 515 East 163rd Street, New York City.

Will continue to intensify investigation of subject's activities in an attempt to determine his associates, travel and whether or not there is any place or area where he may conduct illegal activities.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

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File Number: NEW YORK 92-665 BUREAU 92-2878

Title: THOMAS LUCHESE

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Subject continues to reside at 74 Royat Street, Lido Beach, Long Island, New York. He utilizes a 1959 Cadillac, bearing New York License Number 9V2394. Follows daily pattern, leaving home 9:00 a.m., arriving 821 East 160th Street, Bronx, NY, at about 10:00 a.m.; departs this address for 463 or 462 Seventh Avenue, NYC, in early afternoon. Subject surveilled to Kismet Curtain Company, 515 East 163rd Street, Bronx, NY, which he is believed to operate. NY T-2 recalls that [REDACTED]  
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DETAILS: THOMAS LUCHESE continues to reside at 74 Royat Street, Lido Beach, Long Island, New York. Frequent periodic spot checks at the subject's residence reveals that he leaves his residence between 9:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. daily, and drives alone in his 1959 black Cadillac to the vicinity of 821 East 160th Street, Bronx, New York, where he parks on the street and enters the building occupied by the Lauri Dress Company and State Fabrics Company.

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LUCHESE arrives at the Lauri Dress Company usually between 9:20 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., and remains there until early in the afternoon. He has been observed to proceed to the Manufacturers Trust Company Bank, located on the corner of 158th Street and Westchester Avenue, Bronx, New York, and, after transacting his business, returns to 821 East 160th Street, Bronx, New York.

LUCHESE continues to utilize a 1959 black Cadillac bearing 1960 New York License Number 9V2394, registered to the Gotham Auto Lease, Inc., 719 Main Street, New Rochelle, New York.

LUCHESE departs the Lauri Dress Company and drives to the vicinity of 35th Street and Seventh Avenue, New York City, where he parks in one of the numerous garages in the area, and proceeds to either 462 or 463 Seventh Avenue, New York City, and enters either Amy Deb Fashions or the Budget Dress Company.

NY T-1 related on December 1, 1960. [redacted]

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LUCHESE continues to be extremely surveillance conscious. If he believes he is being followed, he adopts evasive tactics, such as driving extremely fast and in an elusive manner, running through red lights, backing around corners, etc. While on foot, he continually turns and examines the faces behind him, or will walk rapidly into a building, halt and stand inside the lobby, observing those entering.

New York City Police Department Patrolmen [redacted] and [redacted] who are stationed at the entrance to the Lauri Dress Company, 821 East 160th Street, Bronx, New York, related in November, 1960, that they had heard that LUCHESE had either opened or taken over another business somewhere in the Bronx, New York, over an A and P store and on a corner.

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On December 6, 1960, LUCHESE was surveilled from the Lauri Dress Company, 821 East 160th Street, Bronx, New York, to the vicinity of Third Avenue and 163rd Street, Bronx, New York, where he parked his car and entered the upper floor of a two-story building located at 515 East 163rd Street, Bronx, New York, which is over an A and P supermarket, and on a corner. He remained there for approximately one hour. This address is the location of the Kismet Curtain Company, which occupies the entire second floor. Surveillance of LUCHESE was conducted by SA [redacted]

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The records of the Bronx County Clerk's Office, Bronx County Court House, 160th Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York, reflect under File Number 161-1960, that a Certificate of Incorporation was filed under the name Kismet Curtain Company. The purpose of the company was to design, manufacture, buy, sell, import and export window coverings, lace, cloth and apparel. The Certificate of Incorporation was filed on February 2, 1960, by Attorney [redacted] 120 West 42nd Street, New York City.

The stockholders of the Kismet Curtain Corporation were noted as [redacted] all of 120 West 42nd Street, New York City.

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NY T-2 related on November 21, 1960, [redacted]

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ABRAHAM CHAIT, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Number 751659, New York City Police Department B Number  
47189, resides at 720 Fort Washington Avenue, New York City,  
and also maintains a country home at Putnam Valley, New York.

NY T-2, in 1955, advised that [REDACTED]

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NY T-3 has advised [REDACTED]





UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

New York, New York

Dec. 12, 1960

Re: Thomas Luchese, Also Known As  
Anti-Racketeering

Reference is made to the report of Special  
Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as above  
at New York.

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All informants utilized in this report have  
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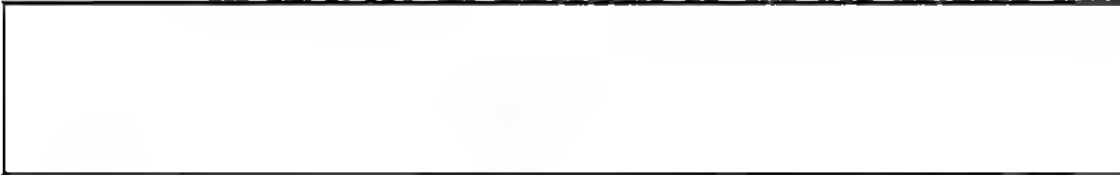
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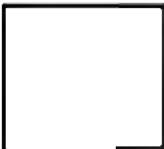
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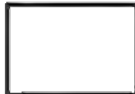
Miami is requested to contact logical sources and  
informants in an effort to determine whether or not LUCHESE



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You should devise a specific plan of surveillance to identify contacts, and other investigative techniques to identify places where Luchessa and Prefantini meet or where their associates meet or where their activities take place thereafter consider the information available. to conduct a surveillance.

SAC, New York

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Director, FBI

PERSONAL ATTENTION

**CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM  
NEW YORK DIVISION**

As you know, Thomas Luchese and Joseph Profaci, two of your top hoodlum subjects, were referred to by one of our highly confidential sources as being members of a national commission comprising hoodlums who mediate disputes in so-called "open territories."

While the significance of their membership on this commission has not been further established by investigative means, neither has it been further confirmed. Since no information in addition to the above has been developed by your office with regard to this commission, it is incumbent upon you to concentrate your efforts in establishing highly confidential sources with regard to these two individuals.

It is recognized that both Luchese and Profaci have received considerable notoriety through the press in recent years and may thus be much more circumspect than in the past. Also, there is substantial indication that both have acquired considerable wealth which would permit them to take a less active role in their racketeering endeavors. However, in view of the fact that both have been described as holding positions of prominence in the underworld through membership on this commission, it is obvious that they still maintain positions of prominence among hoodlum leaders. You should thus be fully aware of their activities in this regard whether they are performing same actively or through trusted lieutenants. It has already been established by your office as well as others that the most prolific source of criminal intelligence is through the development of highly confidential sources. A concerted effort on your part must be demonstrated in order that every possible avenue towards the establishment of sources on both these individuals is thoroughly explored.

As an illustration of the type of location for such sources that you should be alert for is referred to in your semiannual letter to the Bureau dated 11/1/60 regarding [redacted]

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New York, New York  
December 9, 1960

THOMAS LUCHESE, with aliases,  
Gaetano Lucchese (true name).  
Thomas Arra, Fats Brown, Four  
Finger Brown, Three Finger Brown,  
Tommy Brown, Thomas Lucase, Thomas  
Luckese, Thomas Luschese, Gaetano  
Lucchesse

✓ The captioned individual has been reportedly born on  
December 1, December 2, and December 9, 1899, in Italy. (Source:  
Immigration and Naturalization Service records, New York City  
School records, and Selective Service records, Act of 1940.)

He immigrated to the United States at New York City  
on November 20, 1911, on the SS Duca D'Agosta of the Italian  
Line from Palermo, Italy. He was accompanied by his father,  
Baldassare, age 40; mother, Francesca Cinquegrani, age 40;  
brothers, Antonino, age 9; Guisepppe, age 1; and sisters,  
Concetta, age 4, and Rosalia, age 5. All were going to join  
Luchese's uncle, Antonio Cali, 237 106th Street, New York City.

✓ He became a United States citizen on January 25, 1943,  
at Newark, New Jersey. He resided in the New York City area  
from the time of his entry with the exception of about 1936 to  
1942 when he resided in New Jersey. (Source: Immigration and  
Naturalization Service records, New York City.)

✓ The "New York Times", issue of November 29, 1952,  
carried an article in which there was related a story of Luchese  
being served the previous day with papers in the Government's  
deportation proceedings against him. The Government charged  
that he failed to disclose his complete criminal record when he  
applied for citizenship in 1943.

✓ The "New York Mirror," final edition, issue of  
April 8, 1958, on page two, carried an article which related a  
story that the United States Supreme Court gave a decision

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✓ on April 7, 1958, against the United States Government which, in effect, cancelled the Government's denaturalization proceedings against Luchese.

✓ The "New York Journal American," issue of September 11, 1956, carried an article in which there was a photograph of Luchese's home located at 74 Regat Street, Lido Beach, Long Island, New York.

✓ Luchese was married to Concetta Vassallo on September 25, 1927, and they have two children - [redacted] (Source: Birth and Marriage Records, New York City area.)

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✓ In 1952 the following were given as Luchese's relatives:

Francesca Luchese, mother, 99-32 31st Avenue, Corona, Long Island, New York;

Anthony Luchese, brother, 100-18 Northern Boulevard, Corona, Long Island, New York;

James Luchese, brother, 106 West 227th Street, New York City;

Joseph Luchese, brother, 43 Boulevard, Malba, Queens, New York;

Rose Rosato, sister, 34-31 81st Street, Apartment A21, Jackson Heights, Queens, New York.

✓ In November, 1952, it was reported that Rose Rosato was spending the winter in Florida and could be reached at 150 Sunny Isle Boulevard, Miami Beach, Florida. (Source: New York report of SA [redacted] dated December 3, 1952, captioned "Thomas Luchese, was., Denaturalization Proceedings" which was disseminated to the United States Attorney's Office, Southern District of New York and Eastern District of New York.)

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✓ The "Scranton Times" newspaper of Scranton, Pennsylvania, issue of August 26, 1958, contained a news item which related information that the owners of Harvic Sportswear had sold their building at 1037 Capouse Avenue, Scranton, and that the company had ceased business. It mentioned that a [redacted] was the General Manager of the company and that the incorporation papers in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, reflected Thomas Luchese as an officer of this company.

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✓ In 1952 Luchese was in partnership with [redacted] and [redacted] in the operation of Braunell Limited, 225 West 37th Street, New York City.

✓ In 1947 Luchese invested money in the Bal-Fran Company, 140 West 36th Street, New York City, which went out of business in 1950.

✓ In 1952 the Empire Metal Lathe Company took over the premises vacated by the Fordham Hoisting Equipment Company, Incorporated at 2373 Washington Avenue, Bronx, New York. Nunzio Pomillo was the president of the Empire Metal Lathe Company and advised that Luchese had an interest in the lathe company. (Source: New York report of SA [redacted] dated December 3, 1952, captioned "Thomas Luchese was, Denaturalization Proceedings," which was disseminated to the United States Attorney's Office, Southern District of New York and Eastern District of New York)

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✓ Concerning the Fordham Hoisting Equipment Company, Incorporated, mentioned above, Luchese allegedly withdrew from this concern in July, 1948. Its officers were listed as follows:

Nunzio Pomillo, President  
Thomas Luchese, Secretary and Treasurer.

✓ The Bal-Fran Blouse Company, Incorporated, 140 West 36th Street, New York City, was incorporated on January 16, 1947, and the officers were Thomas Luchese, President, and Andino Fappadio, Secretary and Treasurer. (Source: New York report of SA [redacted] dated April 9, 1956, captioned "Garment Trucking Investigation, Anti-Racketeering," which was disseminated to the United States Attorney's Office, Southern District of New York.)

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✓ Luchese was a partner in the Kaska Manufacturing Company, Kaska, Pennsylvania, with [redacted] from around December, 1955, until about May 30, 1956. (Source: [redacted])

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✓ The "New York Herald Tribune," issue of November 21, 1952, carried an article which related that Luchese had admitted in testimony before the New York State Crime Commission that at one time or another he had an interest in the following-named companies:

Malba Part Development Company  
Monica Modes  
The Wawarsing Sand and Gravel Company  
Pilgrim Dress Company  
Ku Kris Kringle Company  
V & L Hat Company

The following is Luchese identification record under FBI Number 168 275 as of December 9, 1957:

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<u>Contributor of Fingerprints</u>	<u>Name and Number</u>	<u>Arrested or Received</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
Police Department New York, New York	Thomas Lucase #B-68834	July 18, 1928	Homicide (gun)	Discharged April 24, 1929
Police Department New York, New York	Thomas Luckese	September 8, 1930	Homicide	Dismissed February 26, 1931
Police Department Cleveland, Ohio	Thomas Luckese	July 4, 1931	Investi- gation	July 4, 1931 released
Police Department New York, New York	Thomas Arra #B-68834	Inquiry October 12, 1932		
Alien Registration	Gaetano Luchese #5073829	Alien Registration December 16, 1940		



In addition to the above arrests, the records of the Bureau of Criminal Identification, New York City Police Department, reflect the following arrests:

October 2, 1921, as Thomas Luchese, New York City, Grand Larceny, Auto, Detective Unger, 39th Squad January 19, 1922, turned over to Suffolk County Authorities, 3 years 8 months to 10 years Sing Sing, Judge Furman, Suffolk County Court.

August 30, 1927, as Thomas Arra, New York City, receiving Detective Salter, 13th Squad, August 31, 1927, discharged Judge Edald, Fifth Court.

November 18, 1935, as Thomas Lacase, Manhattan, Vagrancy, Detective Sheehy, 18th Squad, November 18, 1935, discharged Judge Klapp, Seventh Court.

In November, 1952, the following were reported to be acquainted with Luchese:

Armand Chankalian, Administrative Assistant, United States Attorney, Southern District of New York;

[redacted] Attorney, 55 Liberty Street, New York City;

[redacted] Administrative Assistant to Mayor Vincent Impellitteri, City Hall, New York City;

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Former Congressman Vito Marcantonio, 11 Park Place, New York City;

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[redacted] American Woolen Company, 225 Fourth Avenue,  
New York City;

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[redacted] Hotel Roosevelt, New York City, [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]

Anthony R. Di Pavlo, First Deputy Commissioner, Department of  
Water, Gas, Sewage, and Electricity;

[redacted] Municipal Building, New York City;

City Magistrate Amadeo Lauritano;

Al Rosengarten, Budget Dress Corporation, 254 West 35th Street,  
New York City;

[redacted] Sol and Oransky, 1440 Broadway, New York City;

[redacted] Monda Sand and Gravel Corporation, Newburgh,  
New York;

[redacted] of Grio Press, 292 Lafayette Street, New  
York City;

[redacted] City Clerk, Municipal Building, New York City;

[redacted]

*Unit*

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and

[Redacted]

In November, 1952, the following were alleged hoodlum associates of Luchese:

[Redacted]

Nunzio Pomilla, 2373 Washington Avenue, Bronx, New York;

Abraham Chait, 217 West 36th Street, New York City;

Vincent J. Mauro, 55 West 11th Street, New York City;

Vincent Rao, Rao's Bar and Grill, 455 East 114th Street, Bronx, New York;

*Source*

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Thomas Valenti, 26-37 123rd Street, Astoria, Long Island, New York (Source: New York report of SA [Redacted] dated December 3, 1952, captioned "Thomas Luchese, was. Denaturalization Proceedings which was disseminated to the United States Attorney's Office, Southern District of New York and Eastern District of New York")  
In November, 1952, the following were reported to be close associates of Luchese:

Eddy Coco, then in Florida penitentiary awaiting sentence on a murder charge;

Joe Stretch, also known as Joe Lagana, partner with Luchese at Braunell Limited;

Trigger Mike Cappola

Vincent Rao

Joe Rao

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In May, 1952, it was reported that Luchese was associated with known traffickers in narcotics.

The "Reader's Digest", issue of July, 1955, beginning on pages 59, carried an article captioned "Gangsters in the Dress Business," written by Lester Velie. The article referred to Luchese as a big league underworld figure and as one of the biggest cloak and suit manufacturers in New York. The article claimed that Johnnie Dio, an admitted extortionist was one of Luchese's sewing contractors and that Abe Chait did Luchese's trucking. The article claimed that a former New York City Mayor had dined with Luchese and had called him a friend, and that judges called at his home as did other officials in the United States Attorney's Office, as well as Tammany district leaders.

The "New York Daily News," issue of November 15, 1952, carried an article written by Martin Kivel and James Desmond which, in part, read:

"The frightening story of how Thomas (Three Finger Brown) Luchese, murder suspect, dope peddler and thug, stamped his influence on the political life of New York and reached into high places to extract favors was put in the public record in Luchese's own words yesterday at the State Crime Commission hearing in the New York County Court House in Foley Square."

In 1952, it was reported that at that time Luchese had succeeded Frank Costello with respect to influence on crime and politics in New York City. Luchese reportedly had long been associated with many notorious criminals and racketeers. He had been observed by Narcotic Agents in Company of such national narcotic figures as "Trigger" Mike Caprola, Sal Santora, and others. The allegation was also made that Luchese was known as the head of the Italian mob in the garment industry, had many legitimate businesses, but that his success was based on strong arm tactics. He was believed to be a partner of Abe Chait, garment trucking czar. (Source: New York report of SA [redacted] dated April 9, 1956, captioned "Garment Trucking Investigation, Anti-Racketeering," which was disseminated to the United States Attorney's Office, Southern District of New York.)

In about June, 1955, it was reported that according to underworld talk, Abe Chait allegedly bought out Luchese for an even million dollars in cash for Luchese's interest in the garment center area with the understanding that thereafter Luchese and his associates would leave this area to Chait.

It was reported that Luchese was connected in 1949, with [redacted] New York City Police Department Number [redacted] in a "protection racket" in the garment center. The victims allegedly were non union shops which paid off in order to operate.

Reported allegations have been received that Harry Strasser was a "strong arm" man and collector for Luchese in the garment district. (Source: New York report of SA [redacted] dated April 9, 1956, captioned "Garment Trucking Investigation, Anti-Racketeering," which was disseminated to the United States Attorney's Office, Southern District of New York.)

The "New York Mirror," issue of July 4, 1958, final edition, page three, carried an article which was dated lined Washington, July 3, 1958. This article reflected that Luchese had testified before the Senate Subcommittee to Investigate Improper Activities in the Labor Management Field and testified that he was a respectable dress contractor and not a member of the dreaded Mafia.

✓ He stated before the Committee that to reveal his sources of income might incriminate him. When he was read a list of names of individuals alleged to be connected with the underworld and asked which were his friends, Luchese gave the same reply.

✓ The "New York Post," issue of September 26, 1958, page four, carried an article which stated that some California legislative committee was investigating charges that a group of racketeers, including Thomas Luchese, had tried to take over Mario Lanza's singing career. The article claimed that in 1955, Luchese, accompanied by a well-known clothier and another racketeer, went to Lanza's home near Beverly Hills and offered to take over the singer's career.

→ The "Sunday Herald Tribune" newspaper of November 1, 1959, contained the following concerning Joseph La Porta, an associate of Luchese.

#### LA PORTA PICKETED

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Racketeers and hoodlums whose tentacles are fastened deep in the billion-dollar garment industry in New York were warned this week to stay out of Connecticut.

The warning took the form of a demonstration staged by 103 members of the South Norwalk Local 167, International Ladies Garment Workers Union, AFL-CIO.

Protesting non-union conditions, they picketed the Grace Dress Co., 197 Connecticut Avenue, whose operator-owned is one-time Norwalk hoodlum Joseph La Porta, an associate of racketeer Thomas "Three-Finger Brown" Luchese.

The pickets carried signs reading "Keep Connecticut Clean" and "Stay Away", Joe La Porta."

Bert Cooper, ILGWU State Director said "The Connecticut garment industry has been free of the gangster element, and we aim to keep it that way".

The union charges that Grace Dress, a contracting firm has been operating non-union with sub-standard wages and conditions for the past three months. The demonstrating workers were employees of unionized Rathor Robes and the E & G Distributing Company.

La Porta, or La Porte as he is known in Norwalk, was described in the thirties as Norwalk's Public Enemy No. 1. He was linked to Luchese by investigators who found that La Porta's Bronx, NY, garment shop sewed dresses for Luchese's Budget Dress Company, a Seventh Avenue, garment firm.

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Neither firm was unionized. Like many others run by racketeers, they paid low wages and maintained poor working conditions, exploiting to a large extent Negro and Puerto Rican Workers.

La Porta, it was reported had union trouble at his Bronx factory and Luchese, in typical racketeer fashion, offered to become a 50% partner without investing any capital.

The name of the firm was then changed to State Febrics and La Porta was not bothered again by the ILGWU until 1958 when he was picketed but not organized.

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La Porta, who also runs a trailer camp adjacent to the Connecticut Avenue site of his factory and owns the Forrest Hotel nearby, has a phone listing at [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] But a woman there, identifying herself as [REDACTED] said La Porta spends most of his time in New YORK.

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A second call to the same number was answered by La Porta who profanely refused to discuss his business or past, except to say that he had bought the hotel property and trailer camp site in 1951 "from Judge Tammany."

The Forrest was the sight of La Porte's most ambitious undertaking and greatest disaster.

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The illegal distillery that La Porte operated at the Old Wayside Inn building now the Forrest Hotel, made him a fugitive from justice and cost him two years in a Federal penitentiary after he was apprehended in 1939.

The Wayside was just as notorious during the last days of Prohibition.

The arrival of legal liquor and the depression ruined the roadhouse business. La Porta lost ownership of the Wayside when the mortgage-holders, two prominent Norwalk attorneys, foreclosed. They allowed him to lease it back and run it.

La Porta struggled along until 1936 when he finally closed the Wayside and began extensive and mysterious renovations.

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Two years later he was caught in New York despite his pleas that he has sub-leased the Wayside to "two fellows in New York" and knew nothing about what went on there, he was sent to prison.

Following his release, La Porta disappeared from Norwalk for a time. He bought the Forrest Hotel property and the trailer camp in 1951, from the Post Realty Company.



Members of that firm were the late Judge William Tammany and his partner, the late Paul Connery who had foreclosed on the property years before.

The following is a description of Thomas Luchese:

Name	Thomas Luchese with aliases Gaetano Lucchese (true name) Thomas Arra, Fats Brown, Four Finger Brown, Three Finger Brown, Tommy Brown, Thomas Lucase, Thomas Luckese, Thomas Luschese, Gaetano Lucchese
Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5' 4'
Weight	140 lbs.
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Black
Build	Medium
Complexion	Dark
Date of Birth	December 1, 1899
Place of Birth	Palermo, Italy
Scars and Marks	Right index finger amputated
FBI Number	168-275

201 East 69th Street  
New York 21, New York  
December 9, 1960

Honorable Stephen P. Kennedy  
Commissioner  
New York City Police Department  
240 Centre Street  
New York 13, New York

Attention: Deputy Chief Inspector  
John J. Bradt, Jr.  
Criminal Intelligence Squad  
New York City Police Department

Re: Thomas Luchese

My dear Commissioner:

Attached is a letterhead memorandum concerning  
Thomas Luchese, in answer to your request for available  
information on this individual.

Very truly yours,

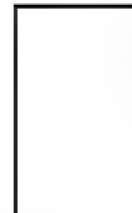
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Special Agent in Charge

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THE POLICE COMMISSION  
CITY OF NEW YORK

December 14, 1960

Mr. H. G. Foster  
Special Agent in Charge  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
201 East 69th Street  
New York 21, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Foster:

Thank you very much for your letter  
dated December 9th, enclosing a memorandum  
relative to Thomas Luchese.

This information will be referred to  
Deputy Chief Inspector Bradt.

Faithfully yours,

*Stephen P. Kennedy*  
Stephen P. Kennedy  
POLICE COMMISSIONER

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The NYO is in receipt of a letter from   
 District Director, Internal Revenue Service, Brooklyn,  
NY, requesting any information in NY files in the form of  
criminal records, reports, etc., on the following NY hoodlums:

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ADDRESS

ALOI, SEBASTIAN	115-34 117th St., So. Ozone Park
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BISOGNO, JOSEPH	222-24 Union Turnpike, Queens
CIAFFONE, DOMINICK	29 Greentree Circle, Westbury, L.I., or 2727 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, N.Y.
CORALLO, ANTONIO	144-67 North Drive, Malba, N. Y.
FONTANA, HARRY	515 Avenue "I", Brooklyn, N.Y.
FRANZESE, JOHN	505 Lorimer St., Brooklyn, N.Y.
FRASCA, COSMO	8850 15th Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y.
GALLO, JOSEPH	639 E. 4th St., Brooklyn, N.Y.
GAMBINO, CARLO	2230 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, N.Y.
LOMBARDOZZI, CARMINE	114 Stratford Road, Brooklyn, N.Y.
LUCHESE, THOMAS	74 Royat St., Lido Beach, N.Y.
MANCANO, VINCENT	254 President St., Brooklyn, N.Y.
MARINO, THOMAS	236 19th St., Brooklyn, N.Y.
MIRANDA, MICHELE	167 Greenway North, Forest Hills, N.Y.
ORMENTO, JOHN	118 Audrey Drive, Lido Beach, N.Y.
PROFACI, JOSEPH	8363 15th Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y.
TORTORELLO, ARTHUR	1657 56th St., Brooklyn, N.Y.
LICCI, ANTHONY	1238 53rd St., Brooklyn, N.Y.

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With regard to preparation of memoranda in answer to this request, instructions have been received from the Bureau that letterhead memoranda prepared in answer to each of these requests be submitted to the Bureau for authorization prior to dissemination being made by this office. The letterhead memorandum in each instance should contain complete information concerning income, financial transactions, or any dealing upon which Internal Revenue Service could base an inquiry.

Also contained in these memoranda should be sufficient characterization of each hoodlum to afford Internal Revenue Service an appreciation of approximately where such a hoodlum stands in importance in organized crime.

All memoranda prepared should be submitted to Desk 224 for review and for forwarding to the Bureau for authorization concerning dissemination.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (92-665)

DATE: 1/23/61

FROM : SAC, MIAMI (92-203)

SUBJECT: THOMAS LUCHESE, aka  
ANTI RACKETEERING

Re report of [redacted] dated 12/12/60,  
at New York, and New York letter to Miami, 12/22/60.

[redacted] was contacted at the Carillon Hotel,  
Miami Beach, Florida, on December 28, 1960. [redacted]  
disclaimed any knowledge of THOMAS LUCHESE and upon being  
exhibited a photograph of the subject, identified him as a  
gangster known to him as "Three Finger" BROWN. [redacted]  
stated that LUCHESE used to patronize the Latin Quarter in  
New York during the 1940s, but he believed he was closely  
associated with WILLY MORETTI, who was slain in a restaurant  
in Cliffside Park, New Jersey, several years ago.

[redacted] stated he never had any business association,  
that LUCHESE was never close to him, and that he knew nothing  
of his background. [redacted] stated that he presently just  
directs shows for high-class hotels at a fixed salary. He  
stated he is no longer associated with the Latin Quarter and  
presently has a show at the Carillon Hotel and also at the  
Tropicano Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada. He stated he knew a  
lot of gangsters by sight because he has been in the night  
club business all his life and that friends patronize his  
places of entertainment, but he asserted he had never done  
business with anyone of them and he had never had any gangster  
money backing up his restaurants.

[redacted] has been  
associated with him for many years, and agreed with [redacted]  
statements and stated he knew LUCHESE by sight, but that he  
knew that [redacted] was never associated with him.

Logical sources and informants in the Miami area  
have been contacted but have been unable to [redacted]

[redacted] Contact will be maintained with these sources and any  
information developed concerning [redacted]

[redacted] will be forwarded to New York immediately.

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Thomas Luchese also known as  
Gaetano Lucchese (true name),  
Thomas Arra, Fats Brown, Four  
Finger Brown, Three Finger Brown,  
Tommy Brown, Thomas Lucase,  
Thomas Luckese, Thomas Lucchese,  
Gaetano Lucchese

The captioned individual has been reportedly born  
on December 1, December 2, and December 9, 1899, in Italy.  
(Source: Immigration and Naturalization Service records,  
New York City School records, and Selective Service records,  
Act of 1940.)

He immigrated to the United States at New York City,  
on November 20, 1911, on the SS Duca D'Agosta of the Italian  
Line from Palermo, Italy. He was accompanied by his father,  
Baldassaro, age 40; mother, Francesca Cinquogranio, age 40;  
brothers, Antonino, age 9; Giuseppe, age 1; and sisters,  
Concetta, age 4, and Rosalia, age 5. All were going to join  
Luchese's uncle, Antonio Cali, 237 106th Street, New York  
City.

He became a United States citizen on January 25,  
1943, at Newark, New Jersey. He resided in the New York City  
area from the time of his entry with the exception of about  
1936 to 1942, when he resided in New Jersey. (Source: Immigration  
and Naturalization Service records, New York City.)

The New York Times, issue of November 29, 1952,  
carried an article in which there was related a story of  
Luchese being served the previous day with papers in the  
Government's deportation proceedings against him. The  
Government charged that he failed to disclose his complete  
criminal record when he applied for citizenship in 1943.

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The "New York Mirror", final edition, issue of April 8, 1958, on page two, carried an article which related a story that the United States Supreme Court gave a decision on April 7, 1958, against the United States Government, which, in effect, cancelled the Government's denaturalization proceedings against Luchese.

The "New York Journal American", issue of September 11, 1956, carried an article in which there was a photograph of Luchese's home at 74 Royat Street, Lido Beach, Long Island, New York.

Luchese was married to Concetta Vassallo on September 25, 1927, and they have two children - [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
(Source: Birth and Marriage Records, New York City area.)

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In 1952 the following were given as Luchese's relatives:

Francesca Luchese, mother, 99-22 31st Avenue, Corona, Long Island, New York;

Anthony Luchese, brother, 100-18 Northern Boulevard, Corona, Long Island, New York;

James Luchese, brother, 108 West 227th Street, New York City;

Joseph Luchese, brother, 43 Boulevard, Malba, Queens, New York;

Rose Rosato, sister, 34-31 81st Street, Apartment A21, Jackson Heights, Queens, New York.

In November, 1952, it was reported that Rose Rosato



was spending the winter in Florida and could be reached at 150 Sunny Isle Boulevard, Miami Beach, Florida. (Source: New York report of SA [redacted] dated December 3, 1952, captioned "Thomas Luchese, was., Denaturalization Proceedings" which was disseminated to the United States Attorney's Office, Southern District of New York and Eastern District of New York.)

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The "Scranton Times" newspaper of Scranton, Pennsylvania, issue of August 26, 1958, contained a news item which related information that the owners of Harvic Sportswear had sold their building at 1007 Capouse Avenue, Scranton, and that the company had ceased business. It mentioned that a [redacted] was the General Manager of the company and that the incorporation papers in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania reflected Thomas Luchese as an officer of this company.

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In 1952, Luchese was in partnership with [redacted] and [redacted] in the operation of Braunell Limited, 225 West 37th Street, New York City.

In 1947, Luchese invested money in the Bal-Fran Company, 140 West 36th Street, New York City, which went out of business in 1950.

In 1952, the Empire Metal Lathe Company took over the premises vacated by the Fordham Hoisting Equipment Company, Incorporated, at 2373 Washington Avenue, Bronx, New York. Nunzio Pomilio was the president of the Empire Metal Lathe Company and Thomas Luchese had an interest in the lathe company.

(Source: New York report of SA [redacted] dated December 3, 1952, captioned "Thomas Luchese, was., Denaturalization Proceedings" which was disseminated to the United States Attorney's Office, Southern District of New York and Eastern District of New York.)

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Concerning the Fordham Hoisting Equipment Company, Incorporated, mentioned above, Luchese allegedly withdrew from this concern in July, 1948. Its officers were listed as follows:

Nunzio Pomillo, President  
Thomas Luchese, Secretary and Treasurer.

The Bal-Fran Blouse Company, Incorporated, 140 West 36th Street, New York City, was incorporated on January 16, 1947, and the officers were Thomas Luchese, President, and Andino Pappadio, Secretary and Treasurer. (Source: New York report of SA [redacted] dated April 9, 1956, captioned "Garment Trucking Investigation, Anti-Racketeering", which was disseminated to the United States Attorney's Office Southern District of New York.) Luchese was a partner in the Kaska Manufacturing Company, Kaska, Pennsylvania, with [redacted] from around December, 1955, until about May 30, 1956. (Source: [redacted])

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The "New York Herald Tribune", issue of November 21, 1952, carried an article which related that Luchese had admitted in testimony before the New York State Crime Commission that at one time or another he had an interest in the following named companies:

Malba Part Development Company  
Monica Modes  
The Wawarsing Sand and Gravel Company  
Pilgrim Dress Company  
Ku Kris Kringle Company  
V & L Hat Company

The "Reader's Digest", issue of July, 1955, beginning on page 59, carried an article captioned "Gangsters in the Dress Business", written by Lester Velie. The article referred to Luchese as a big league underworld figure and as one of the biggest cloak and suit manufacturers in New York. The article

claimed that Johnnie Dio, an admitted extortionist was one of Luchese's sewing contractors and that Abe Chait did Luchese's trucking. The article claimed that a former New York City Mayor had dined with Luchese and had called him a friend, and that judges called at his home as did other officials in the United States Attorney's Office, as well as Tammany district leaders.

The "New York Daily News", issue of November 15, 1952, carried an article written by Martin Kivel and James Desmond which, in part, read:

"The frightening story of how Thomas (Three Finger Brown) Luchese, murder suspect, dope peddler and thug, stamped his influence on the political life of New York and reached into high places to extract favors was put in the public record in Luchese's own words yesterday at the State Crime Commission hearing in the New York County Court House in Foley Square."

In 1952, it was reported that at that time Luchese had succeeded Frank Costello with respect to influence on crime and politics in New York City. Luchese reportedly had long been associated with many notorious criminals and racketeers. He had been observed by Narcotic Agents in company of such national narcotic figures as "Trigger" Mike Cappola, Sal Santora, and others. The allegation was also made that Luchese was known as the head of the Italian mob in the garment industry, had many legitimate businesses, but that his success was based on strong arm tactics. He was believed to be a partner of Abe Chait, garment trucking czar. (Source: New York report of SA [redacted], dated April 9, 1956, captioned "Garment Trucking Investigation, Anti-Racketeering", which was disseminated to the United States Attorney's Office, Southern District of New York.)

In about June, 1955, it was reported that according to underworld talk, Abe Chait allegedly bought out Luchese for an even million dollars in cash for Luchese's interest in the garment center area with the understanding that thereafter Luchese and his associates would leave this area to Chait.

It was reported that Luchese was connected in 1949,

with [redacted] New York City Police Department Number [redacted] in a 'protection racket' in the garment center. The victims allegedly were non union shops which paid off in order to operate.

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Reported allegations have been received that Harry Strasser was a 'strong arm' man and collector for Luchese in the garment district. (Source: New York report of SA [redacted] dated April 9, 1956, captioned "Garment Trucking Investigation, Anti-Racketeering", which was disseminated to the United States Attorney's Office, Southern District of New York.)

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The 'New York Mirror', issue of July 4, 1958, final edition, page three, carried an article which was dated Washington, July 3, 1958. This article reflected that Luchese had testified before the Senate Subcommittee to Investigate Improper Activities in the Labor Management Field and testified that he was a respectable dress contractor and not a member of the dreaded Mafia.

He stated before the Committee that to reveal his sources of income might incriminate him. When he was read a list of names of individuals alleged to be connected with the underworld and asked which were his friends, Luchese gave the same reply.

The 'New York Post', issue of September 26, 1958, page four, carried an article which stated that some California legislative committee was investigating charges that a group of racketeers, including Thomas Luchese, had tried to take over Mario Lanza's singing career. The article claimed that in 1955, Luchese, accompanied by a well-known clothier and another racketeer, went to Lanza's home near Beverly Hills and offered to take over the singer's career.

Thomas Luchese is believed to either own or control

in whole or in part, the following companies:

Lauri Dress Company  
821 East 160th Street  
Bronx, New York

State Fabrics Company  
821 East 160th Street  
Bronx, New York

Budget Dress Company  
462 Seventh Avenue  
New York City, New York

Amy Deb Fashions  
463 Seventh Avenue  
New York City, New York

The following is a description of Thomas Luchese:

Name	Thomas Luchese with aliases Gaetano Luchese (true name) Thomas Arra, Fats Brown, Four Finger Brown, Three Finger Brown, Tommy Brown, Thomas Lucase, Thomas Luckese, Thomas Luchese, Gaetano Lucchese
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Race	White
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Sex	Male
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Height	5' 4
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Weight	140 lbs.
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Black
Build	Medium
Complexion	Dark
Date of Birth	December 1, 1899
Place of Birth	Palermo, Italy
Scars and Marks	Right index finger amputated
FBI Number	168-275

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

*Memorandum*

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (92-665)

DATE: 2/9/61

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: THOMAS LUCHESE aka  
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On 1/24/61, [REDACTED] telephonically contacted the writer and related that he was the attorney for THOMAS LUCHESE. [REDACTED] stated that it was his understanding that SAS [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] had interviewed [REDACTED] at Amy Deb Fashions, 463 Seventh Avenue, NYC, on the preceding evening. [REDACTED] said that it was his impression after talking to [REDACTED] that the FBI was interested in determining the whereabouts of THOMAS LUCHESE. [REDACTED] related that in the event the FBI was going to arrest Mr. LUCHESE, if they contacted him, he would attempt to facilitate matters. [REDACTED] was advised by the writer that in the event the FBI was going to arrest Mr. LUCHESE, we did not feel that we would need his approval. He was thanked for his cooperation, and advised that in the event Mr. LUCHESE was to be arrested at some time and, if we could not locate him, we would then call upon [REDACTED] for his cooperation.

It was apparent to the writer that [REDACTED] call was strictly a fishing expedition, and he was furnished with no information.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2878)  
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (92-665)  
SUBJECT : THOMAS LUCHESE  
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ReBuairtel dated 2/1/61, captioned "CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM."

The captioned individual is the subject of a denaturalization proceeding. This proceeding was based on LUCHESE's failure to disclose his complete arrest record to the Immigration and Naturalization Service at the time of his naturalization. On 4/7/58, the US Supreme Court held that the Justice Department had failed to file the necessary "Affidavit of Good Cause," by the deadline set by law, and thus the proceeding was invalid. On 3/14/60, a petition for a Writ of Certiorari was filed by the Solicitor General, and on 5/16/60, the US Supreme Court granted Certiorari.

The records of the US Attorney's Office, EDNY, as reviewed on 2/14/61, by SA [redacted] reflect that there has been no change in the status of the case of the US vs THOMAS LUCHESE. The last entry on the Appeal Record is that a Writ of Certiorari was filed by the US on 9/20/60.

Mr. [redacted] Supervisor, Special Investigations Section, INS, 20 Broadway, NYC, advised SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] that he had no additional information regarding the status of THOMAS LUCHESE's denaturalization case.

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At present there is no indication of a violation by the subject of statutes within the Bureau's jurisdiction.

The following agencies, Federal, state and local, were contacted and advised that they had no pending or contemplated prosecutive action against the subject:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Checked By Agent</u>	<u>Date</u>
US Postal Service		2/10/61
Federal Bureau of Narcotics		2/8/61
Federal Trade Commission		2/9/61
Federal Communication Commission		2/9/61
US Secret Service		2/9/61
US Customs		2/9/61
Alcohol Tax Unit		2/9/61
NY State Commission of Investigation		2/8/61
NY State Liquor Authority		2/14/61
US Securities and Exchange Commission		2/14/61
District Attorney, Richmond County, NY		2/9/61
District Attorney, Queens County, NY		2/9/61
District Attorney, Kings County, NY		2/8/61
District Attorney, Bronx County, NY		2/14/61
US Department of Labor		2/9/61

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Representatives of the following agencies were contacted and advised that they had no current nor contemplated prosecutive actions against the subject, but that active investigation concerning the subject was being maintained with a view towards future prosecutive action:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Checked by Agent</u>	<u>Date</u>
Internal Revenue Service	<div></div>	2/9/61
CIS, NYCPD		2/8/61

On 2/10/61, Chief Investigator  of the NY County District Attorney's Office, advised SAS  and  that his office has a current, active investigation of THOMAS LUCHESE underway.  stated that this investigation was directed towards any violation that could be uncovered.

stated that his office would not disseminate any information developed during the course of the investigation until a decision had been made with regard to prosecution.

The Bureau will be immediately apprised of any substantive violations developed during the course of the investigation of the subject under the Criminal Intelligence Program.

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The following information was obtained from the records of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, New York, dated [Redacted] 1964. The New York Bureau has been requested to provide the following information in order to determine if there is any connection between the above named individuals and the [Redacted] case.

The following information was obtained from the records of the New York Bureau dated [Redacted] 1964.

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PERSONAL ATTENTION

From: Director, FBI

**CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM**

Our investigations under the Criminal Intelligence Program have produced considerable information with respect to underworld activities throughout the country. It is apparent that the operations of these individuals is in total disregard of law enforcement, in many instances is accomplished through the absence of effective local law enforcement, and in some instances with the assistance of local law enforcement representatives. There is attached a list of prominent hoodlums who have, for some time, operated successfully. These individuals have been selected as prime targets for Federal prosecution within the immediate future. It is imperative, therefore, that every resource at your disposal be used toward fulfilling this objective.

Offices which are origin in cases relating to these hoodlums are instructed to immediately institute a review of information in your files pertaining to these selected individuals. The review should encompass information developed in your Criminal Intelligence Program, information developed from informants, as well as collateral information which may have been obtained during the investigation of substantive matters. The review should be conducted by a mature Agent and supervisor under your personal direction. The assistance of a Special Agent Accountant may be desirable for the purpose of analyzing financial matters or financial manipulations, if necessary.

Upon completion of the file review, the Bureau should be advised by 2/15/61 of the following information with respect to each individual. Submit by airtel under the caption of the individual's Top Hoodlum file. (1) Advise whether or not the selected individual is presently the subject of a substantive case or if any process, local, state, or Federal, is currently outstanding against the individual.

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If process is outstanding, furnish nature, present status, and brief details of the case. If no process is outstanding against the individual, but he is the subject of a substantive investigation, advise brief details. (2) Advise of the vulnerable areas wherein there is a possibility of establishing a violation against the individual under statutes within the Bureau's jurisdiction. Particular attention should be given to WETA, LARA, extortion, bribery, and conspiracy matters. (3) Advise of the areas where possible violations exist with respect to the investigative jurisdiction of some other Federal agencies, such as income tax laws, or the Federal wagering tax stamp. The investigative jurisdiction of all Federal enforcement agencies including Immigration, Customs, Narcotics, Internal Revenue, Alcohol Tax, and Secret Service, as well as regulatory agencies, such as Federal Communications Commission and Securities Exchange Commission, should be considered with respect to each subject. You are authorized to contact these Federal agencies for intelligence information in their possession which may be of significance to the early prosecution of these individuals. In contacting the Internal Revenue Service you should also obtain most recent income tax returns for the individuals concerned.

With respect to possible violations within the Bureau's jurisdiction, you should immediately open a substantive file, if this has not already been done, and press it vigorously. The Bureau should be promptly advised of the existence of a possible violation prior to discussing the violation with a U. S. Attorney. All leads should be handled expeditiously and auxiliary offices should be advised accordingly. With respect to possible violations not within the Bureau's jurisdiction, you should furnish the Bureau with sufficient details to enable an evaluation of the matter at the Bureau and await further instructions.

The foregoing should be given your immediate personal attention and you should insure that efforts are made on a continuing basis to establish a Federal violation against the named individuals.

Your attention is called to the need for discretion in contacting other agencies to insure that the extent or scope of our investigation is not revealed.

The following individuals have been selected as targets for prosecutive action:

NAME

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Gus Alex  
 Frank Joseph Andrews  
 Frank Peter Balistrieri  
 Charles Joseph Battaglia, Jr.  
 Joseph Bonanno  
 Angelo Bruno  
 Gerardo V. Catena  
 Nicholas Civella  
 Morris Barney Dalitz  
 Frank Ferraro  
 Samuel M. Giancana  
 Murray Llewelyn Humphreys  
 Meyer Lansky  
 Sebastian John LaRocca  
 Carmine Lombardozzi  
 Thomas Luchese  
 Samuel and Gabriel Mannarino  
 Carlos Marcello  
 Michele A. Miranda  
 John Oddo  
 Raymond L. S. Patriarca  
 Joseph Profaci  
 Anthony Salerno  
 Joseph Stacher  
 Anthony Strollo  
 Santo Trafficante, Jr.  
 William Maxwell Weisberg  
 Frank Leonard Wortman  
 Joseph Zerilli  
 Joseph Arthur Zicarelli

Chicago, Illinois  
 Cold Spring, Kentucky  
 Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
 Tucson, Arizona  
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 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
 Newark, New Jersey  
 Kansas City, Missouri  
 Las Vegas, Nevada  
 Chicago, Illinois  
 Chicago, Illinois  
 Chicago, Illinois  
 Miami, Florida  
 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
 New York, New York  
 New York, New York  
 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
 New Orleans, Louisiana  
 New York, New York  
 New York, New York  
 Providence, Rhode Island  
 New York, New York  
 New York, New York  
 Los Angeles, California  
 New York, New York  
 Tampa, Florida  
 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
 East St. Louis, Illinois  
 Detroit, Michigan  
 Bayonne, New Jersey

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (92-632)

DATE: 2/9/61

FROM : SA [REDACTED] #224

SUBJECT: TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM

ReBulet, 2/1/61, captioned, "CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM".

On 2/9/61, ADA [REDACTED] of Rackets Bureau, Queens County DA's Office, Queens County Court House, Long Island City, NY, advised that there is no pending prosecutive action by the DA, Queens County nor is any such action contemplated in the near future regarding the following:

JOHN ODDO  
ANTHONY SALERNO  
THOMAS LUCHESE  
ANTHONY STROLLO  
JOSEPH PROFACI  
CARMINO LOMBARDOZZI

ADA [REDACTED] related that his office has a pending investigation regarding MICHELE MIRANDA and ADA [REDACTED] is in charge of this investigation, ADA [REDACTED] added that at present he did not feel free to discuss any of the details regarding the pending matter on MIRANDA.

- 1 - NY (92-673) (ODDO)
- 1 - NY (92-1099) (SALERNO)
- ① - NY (92-665) (LUCHESE)
- 1 - NY (92-687) (STROLLO)
- 1 - NY (92-676) (PROFACI)
- 1 - NY (92-664) (LOMBARDOZZI)
- 1 - NY (92-672) (MIRANDA)
- 1 - NY (92-632)

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**Keywords:** child sexual abuse; disclosure; self-blame; coping strategies

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (92- 665)

DATE: 2/9/61

FROM : ~~SAE~~ SA [REDACTED] #224

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SUBJECT: *THOMAS LUCHESE*  
ANTI-RACKETEERING

Re Bureau airtel New York dated 2/1/61.

In accordance with Bureau instructions District Supervisor [REDACTED] Federal Bureau of Narcotics, 90 Church Street, New York, New York, contacted by SA [REDACTED] on February 8, 1961, advised that there was no known violation of the narcotics laws by the subject under current investigation by this agency.

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CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM

[REDACTED] Attorney in Charge, Federal Trade Commission, US Court House, Foley Square, NYC, advised SA [REDACTED] on 2/9/61, that his office did not have any prosecutive action pending against the following individuals, nor was any action contemplated. He said in the event such action is undertaken, he would notify this office immediately:

CARMINE LOMBARDOZZI  
THOMAS LUCHESE  
MICHELE A. MIRANDA  
JOHN ODDO  
JOSEPH PROFACI  
ANTHONY SALERNO  
ANTHONY STROLLO  
GERADO V. CATENA  
JOSEPH A. ZICARELLI

1 - New York (92-664) (Carmine Lombardozzi)  
① - New York (92-665) (Thomas Luchese)  
1 - New York (92-672) (Michele A. Miranda)  
1 - New York (92-673) (John Oddo)  
1 - New York (92-676) (Joseph Profaci)  
1 - New York (92-1099) (Anthony Salerno)  
1 - New York (92-687) (Anthony Strollo)  
1 - New York (92-764) (Gerado V. Catena)  
1 - New York (92-774) (Joseph A. Zicarelli)  
1 - New York (92-632)

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CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM

Mr. [REDACTED] Acting Engineer in Charge,  
Federal Communications Commission, 641 Washington Street,  
NYC, advised SA [REDACTED] on 2/9/61, that his  
office did not have any prosecutive action pending against the  
following individuals, nor was any action contemplated. He  
said in the event such action is undertaken, he would notify  
this office immediately:

CARMINE LOMBARDOZZI  
THOMAS LUCHESE  
MICHELE A. MIRANDA  
JOHN ODDO  
JOSEPH PROFACI  
ANTHONY SALERNO  
ANTHONY STROLLO  
GERADO V. CATENA  
JOSEPH A. ZICARELLI

1 - New York (92-664) (Carmine Lombardozzi)  
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1 - New York (92-672) (Michele A. Miranda)  
1 - New York (92-673) (John Oddo)  
1 - New York (92-676) (Joseph Profaci)  
1 - New York (92-1099) (Anthony Salerno)  
1 - New York (92-687) (Anthony Strollo)  
1 - New York (92-764) (Gerado V. Catena)  
1 - New York (92-774) (Joseph A. Zicarelli)  
1 - New York (92-632)

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TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM

ReBuairtel to NY, 2/1/61, captioned "Top Hoodlum Program."

On 2/9/61, JOHN BRAISTED, District Attorney, Richmond County, NY, advised SA  that his office has no pending or contemplated investigation for prosecutive action against the below listed individuals. Mr. BRAISTED stated, however, that he would immediately notify the NYO should such a situation arise, or if he should receive information concerning a violation within the Bureau's jurisdiction:

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JOHN ODDO  
CARMINI LOMBARDOZZI  
THOMAS LUCHESE  
MICHELE A. MIRANDA  
JOSEPH PROFACI  
ANTHONY SALERNO  
ANTHONY STROLLO

1 - New York (92-673) (John Oddo)  
1 - New York (92-664) (Carmin Lombardozzi)  
① - New York (92-665) (Thomas Lucese)  
1 - New York (92-672) (Michele A. Miranda)  
1 - New York (92-676) (Joseph Profaci)  
1 - New York (92-1099) (Anthony Salerno)  
1 - New York (92-687) (Anthony Strollo)  
1 - New York (92-632) (Top Hoodlum Program)

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TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM

Rebulet dated 2/1/61, captioned "Criminal Intelligence Program".

District Attorney EDWARD SILVER, Kings County District Attorney's Office, advised SA [REDACTED] on 2/8/61, that according to information available to him there is no pending prosecutive action by his office against any of the following persons nor is there any action contemplated in the near future. DA SILVER pointed out, however, that active investigation against JOHN ODDO, CARMINE LOMBARDOZZI, JOSEPH PROFACI and ANTHONY SALERNO is constantly being maintained in an effort to ascertain violations caused by these individuals within their primary investigative jurisdiction.

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JOHN ODDO  
CARMINE LOMBARDOZZI  
THOMAS EUCHESE  
MICHELE A. MIRANDA  
JOSEPH PROFACI  
ANTHONY SALERNO  
ANTHONY STROLLO

- 1 - New York (92-673) (JOHN ODDO)
- 1 - New York (92-664) (CARMINE LOMBARDOZZI)
- 1 - New York (92-665) (THOMAS EUCHESE)
- 1 - New York (92-672) (MICHELE A. MIRANDA)
- 1 - New York (92-676) (JOSEPH PROFACI)
- 1 - New York (92-1099) (ANTHONY SALERNO)
- 1 - New York (92-687) (ANTHONY STROLLO)
- 1 - New York (92-632) (TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM)

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**TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM**

Rebulet dated 2/1/61, captioned "Criminal Intelligence Program".

Deputy Chief Inspector JOHN J. BRADT, Commanding Officer, Criminal Intelligence Bureau, NYCPD, 400 Broome Street, NYC, advised SA [REDACTED] on 2/8/61, that to his knowledge there is no outstanding prosecution against any of the following persons nor is there any information known to his department at this time wherein action is contemplated in the near future. He pointed out further that these following individuals are well known to his department and constant probing investigations to attempt to determine their criminal activities is being conducted:

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JOHN ODDO  
CARMINE LOMBARDOZZI  
THOMAS LUCHESE  
MICHELE A. MIRANDA  
JOSEPH PROFACI  
ANTHONY SALERNO  
ANTHONY STROLLO

- 1 - New York (92-673) (JOHN ODDO)
- 1 - New York (92-664) (CARMINE LOMBARDOZZI)
- ① - New York (92-665) (THOMAS LUCHESE)
- 1 - New York (92-672) (MICHELE A. MIRANDA)
- 1 - New York (92-676) (JOSEPH PROFACI)
- 1 - New York (92-1099) (ANTHONY SALERNO)
- 1 - New York (92-687) (ANTHONY STROLLO)
- 1 - New York (92-632) (TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM)

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CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM

ReBulet 2/1/61, captioned "CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM."

Inquiry was made regarding the individuals, for whose files copies of this memorandum are designated, by SA [REDACTED] on 2/9/61, at the US Customs Bureau, and US Secret Service, NYC.

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[REDACTED] Supervising Customs Agent in Charge, 201 Varick Street, NYC, advised that his agency has no pending investigation regarding the mentioned individuals. There is no prosecution contemplated for any of these people.

[REDACTED] Assistant Agent in Charge, Secret Service Office, 90 Church Street, NYC, advised that his office is conducting no pending investigation regarding the named individuals, and contemplates no prosecution for any of them.

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1 - New York (92-664) (Lombardozzi)  
① - New York (92-665) (Luchese)  
1 - New York (92-672) (Miranda)  
1 - New York (92-673) (Oddo)  
1 - New York (92-676) (Profaci)  
1 - New York (92-687) (Strollo)  
1 - New York (92-1099) (Salerno)

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Acting Inspector in Charge [REDACTED] Postal Inspectors, US Post Office, NYC, advised on 2/10/61, that there are no pending cases in their office concerning those individuals set forth in above referenced Bureau airtel, nor are they contemplating any investigation of these people.

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The one exception was in the case of CARMINE LOMBARDOZZI who, according to [REDACTED] is currently being investigated by the Security and Exchange Commission. [REDACTED] stated that the instant case involves several counts of mail fraud, but inquiry of the Security and Exchange Commission by postal officials determined that the mail fraud counts would not be pressed.

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- 1 - New York (92-664) (Carmine Lombardozzi)
- ① - New York (92-665) (Thomas Luchese)
- 1 - New York (92-672) (Michele A. Miranda)
- 1 - New York (92-673) (John Oddo)
- 1 - New York (92-676) (Joseph Prefaci)
- 1 - New York (92-1099) (Anthony Salerno)
- 1 - New York (92-687) (Anthony Strello)

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Re Bureau airtel to New York, 2/1/61,  
captioned "TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM".

On 2/9/61, [REDACTED] Alcohol Tax Unit,  
90 Church Street, New York, advised SA [REDACTED]  
that his office has no pending or contemplated prosecution  
against the below listed individuals:

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JOHN ODDO  
CARMINE LOMBARDOZZI  
THOMAS LUCHESE  
MICHELE A. MIRANDA  
JOSEPH PROFACI  
ANTHONY SAALERNO  
ANTHONY STROLLO

[REDACTED] 1 - New York (92-673) (JOHN ODDO)  
1 - New York (92-664) (CARMINE LOMBARDOZZI)  
1 - New York (92-665) (THOMAS LUCHESE)  
1 - New York (92-672) (MICHELE A. MIRANDA)  
1 - New York (92-676) (JOSEPH PROFACI)  
1 - New York (92-1099) (ANTHONY SAALERNO)  
1 - New York (92-687) (ANTHONY STROLLO)  
1 - New York (92-632) (TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM)

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ReBuairtel dated 2/1/61, captioned "CRIMINAL  
INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM."

On 2/10/61, SAS [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] attempted to contact District Attorney FRANK P. HOGAN, NY County, and were referred to his Chief Investigator THOMAS PAY, who advised he was speaking for Mr. HOGAN and, at his request, would answer any inquiries the Agents may have.

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When questioned concerning the referenced airtel, PAY stated that his office has a current pending, active investigation on the following individuals:

CARMINE LOMBARDOZZI  
ANTHONY STROLLO  
ANTHONY SALERNO  
THOMAS LUCHESE

When questioned concerning the aim of these investigations, PAY stated that they were simply active investigations with prosecution being directed towards any violation that may be uncovered during the investigation. He specifically denied that the investigations were directed towards any particular violation under the jurisdiction of the District Attorney's Office.

Mr. PAY stated that his office would not disseminate any information uncovered during the course of the investigation until a decision had been made with regard to prosecution.

1 - New York (92-673) (John Oddo)  
1 - New York (92-664) (Carmine Lombardozzi)  
① - New York (92-665) (Thomas Lucchese)  
1 - New York (92-672) (Michele A. Miranda)  
1 - New York (92-676) (Joseph Profaci)  
1 - New York (92-1099) (Anthony Salerno)  
1 - New York (92-687) (Anthony Strollo)

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Mr. PAY stated that his office does not contemplate any prosecution of the remaining individuals, although they are well aware of their status in the underworld, and he would be very happy to furnish any information available in his office to any other agency.

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**CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM**

On 2/9/61, LAWRENCE DAVEY, Acting Area Chief, Bureau of Labor Management Reports, US Department of Labor, 233 West 49th Street, NYC, advised that his office did not have any prosecutive action pending against the following individuals, nor was any action contemplated. He said in the event such action is undertaken, he will notify this office immediately:

CARMINE LONBARDOSZI  
THOMAS LOCHER  
MICHELE MIRANDA  
JOHN ODDO  
JOSEPH PROFACI  
ANTHONY SALERNO  
ANTHONY STROLLO

- 1 - NY 92-664
- ① - NY 92-665
- 1 - NY 92-672
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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (92-632)

DATE: 2/14/61

FROM : SA [REDACTED] #224

SUBJECT: TOP HOODIUM PROGRAM

ReBUairtel dated 2/1/61, captioned,  
"CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM".

District Attorney ISADORE DOLLINGER  
and Assistant District Attorney [REDACTED] of  
Rackets Bureau, Bronx County DA's Office, Bronx County Court  
House, 161 St. and Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY, advised on  
2/14/61 that their office has no pending prosecutive action  
against any of the following persons nor is there any action  
contemplated in the near future:

JOHN ODDO  
GARMINE LOMBARDOZZI  
THOMAS LUCHESE  
MICHELE MIRANDA  
JOSEPH PROPACI  
ANTHONY SALERNO  
ANTHONY STROLLO

- 1 - NY (92-673)(ODDO)
- 1 - NY (92-664)(LOMBARDOZZI)
- 1 - NY (92-665)(LUCHESE)
- 1 - NY (92-672)(MIRANDA)
- 1 - NY (92-676)(PROPACI)
- 1 - NY (92-1099)(SALERNO)
- 1 - NY (92-687)(STROLLO)
- 1 - NY (92-632)(THP)

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ReBuairtel dated 2/1/61, captioned, "CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM".

[ ] Chief Investigator, New York State Liquor Authority, 270 Broadway, NYC, advised SA [ ] on 2/14/61 that his agency has no pending prosecutive action against the individuals listed in captioned airtel nor is any action contemplated against them in the future.

[ ] Chief Investigator, US SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (SEC), 225 Broadway, NYC, advised SA [ ] on 2/14/61, that the SEC has no prosecutive action pending against the subjects in New York, nor is any contemplated in the near future.

Both of the above -named individuals advised that they would advise the NYO if any action is contemplated by their respective agencies in the future.

1 - New York (92-632) (TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM)  
1 - New York (92-673) (JOHN ODDO)  
1 - New York (92-664) (CAMMINE LOMBARDOZZI)  
① - New York (92-665) (THOMAS LUCHESE)  
1 - New York (92-672) (MICHELE A. MIRANDA)  
1 - New York (92-676) (JOSEPH PROFACI)  
1 - New York (92-1099) (ANTHONY SALERNO)  
1 - New York (92-687) (ANTHONY STROLLO)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT  
MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (92-646)

DATE: 2/15/61

FROM: SA [REDACTED] (#224)

SUBJECT: MICHELINO CLEMENTE, aka  
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The following information was obtained by  
[REDACTED]

Extreme care and caution should be used concerning information furnished by this informant and if the information is used in any manner, it should be paraphrased so as not to compromise this valuable informant.

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On 1/23/61, [redacted] furnished the following information:

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND SACS MIAMI, CHICAGO AND DETROIT  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (92-NEW)

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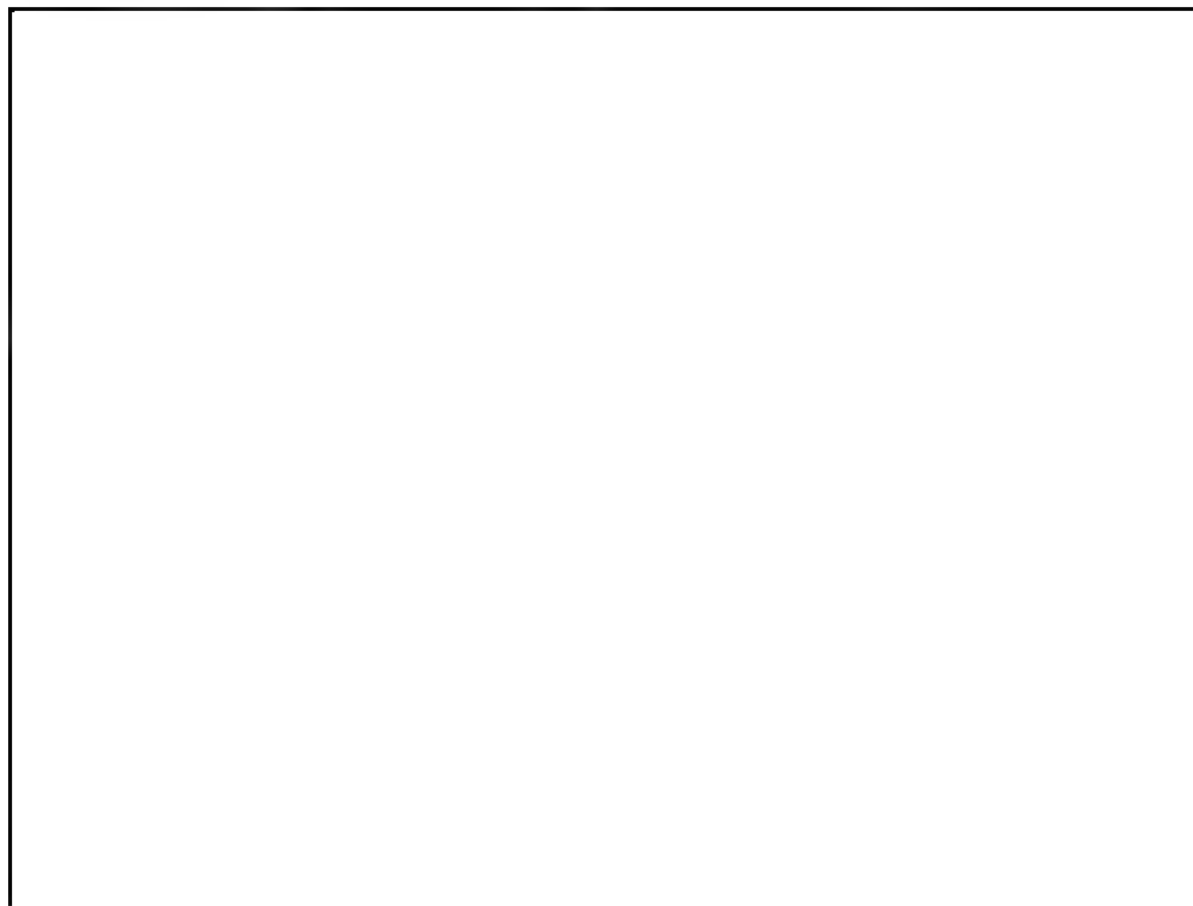
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2878)  
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (92-665)  
SUBJECT : THOMAS LUCHESE aka  
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(OO: NEW YORK)

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Patrolman [redacted] NYCPD, stationed in front of subject's dress concern at 821 East 160th Street, Bronx, NY, related that he has not seen LUCHESE since last Thursday. Spot fisur conducted [redacted] and spot fisur [redacted]  
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During a contact with NY County District Attorney's Office, information developed which indicates that one ANDINO PAPPADIO aka is believed to be LUCHESE's number one lieutenant.

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① - New York (92-665)
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AIRTEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92- 2878)  
FROM : SAC NEW YORK (92- 665)  
SUBJECT : THOMAS LUCHESE, aka.  
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(OO: New York)

Interview of [redacted] of the KISMET CURTAIN CORP., 515 East 163rd Street, Bronx, New York, fails to reveal that LUCHESE has any interest in this corporation. [redacted] states that he operates KISMET for [redacted] who are the owners. [redacted] states that he is familiar with the name of LUCHESE, but has never seen him, and is positive that LUCHESE has no interest in KISMET. [redacted] says that he has complete control of all personnel, and knows all of the company's operations.

NYO Patrolman [redacted] assigned to 821 East 160th St. Ex. New York related that LUCHESE has not been at that address since last week.

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1- New York (92- 665)



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AIRTEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2878)  
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (92-665)  
SUBJECT : THOMAS LUCHESE aka  
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(OO: NEW YORK)

2 - AUSA [ ] EDNY, advised this date that he had requested the complete decision in the case "US vs. FRANK COSTELLO," which was handed down by the US Supreme Court, a few days ago. AUSA [ ] related that he was going to examine this decision thoroughly to see how it affected the case of the "US vs. THOMAS LUCHESE." AUSA [ ] stated that as of this date, he had received no word from Washington regarding this matter.

Information has been developed indicating that THOMAS LUCHESE is on vacation in Florida. The source providing this information is unable to relate where LUCHESE is staying, nor was he able to furnish any information regarding the length of stay.

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① - New York (92-665)

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AIRTEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2378)  
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (92-665)  
SUBJECT: THOMAS LUCHESE aka  
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(OO: NY)

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① - New York 92-665

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (92-665)

DATE: 2/27/61

FROM : [REDACTED] #224

SUBJECT: THOMAS LUCHESE aka  
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On 2/22/61, [REDACTED] advised  
the writer of the following information [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] requested that his identity be kept  
confidential:

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AIRTEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2878)  
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (92-665)  
SUBJECT: THOMAS LUCHESE aka  
AR  
(OO: NEW YORK)

Source of the NYO related 2/27/61, that he had  
heard that [redacted] Source  
was unable to furnish any additional details.

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Efforts continuing to locate site for highly confidential coverage.

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1-New York (92-665)

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1 - Supervisor, #224

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AIRTEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2878)  
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (92-665)  
SUBJECT : THOMAS LUCHESE aka  
AR  
(OO: NEW YORK)

During an interview of [redacted] of Lauri Dress Company, 821 E. 160th Street, Bronx, NY, the opportunity presented itself to two Special Agents of the NYO to inspect a desk and personal telephone directory believed to belong to THOMAS LUCHESE. Some names and telephone numbers were noted by the Agents, and are being processed by the NYO to determine whether or not they are pertinent. [redacted] was unaware of this inspection.

Source of the NYO related that [redacted]  
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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (92-646)

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[REDACTED] EXTREME CARE AND CAUTION SHOULD BE  
USED CONCERNING INFORMATION FURNISHED BY THIS INFORMANT, AND IF  
THE INFORMATION IS USED IN ANY MANNER, IT SHOULD BE PARAPHRASED  
SO AS NOT TO COMPROMISE THIS VALUABLE INFORMANT. [REDACTED]  
ARREST RECORD INCLUDES ARREST FOR RAPE, ASSAULT. HE SHOULD BE  
CONSIDERED DANGEROUS.

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Date: 3/8/61

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2866)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (92-646)

SUBJECT: MICHELINO CLEMENTE aka  
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ReNYtel 3/3/61.

The following information was obtained from  
on the following date:

Extreme care and caution should be used  
concerning information furnished by this informant, and  
if the information is used in any manner, it should be  
paraphrased so as not to compromise this valuable informant.

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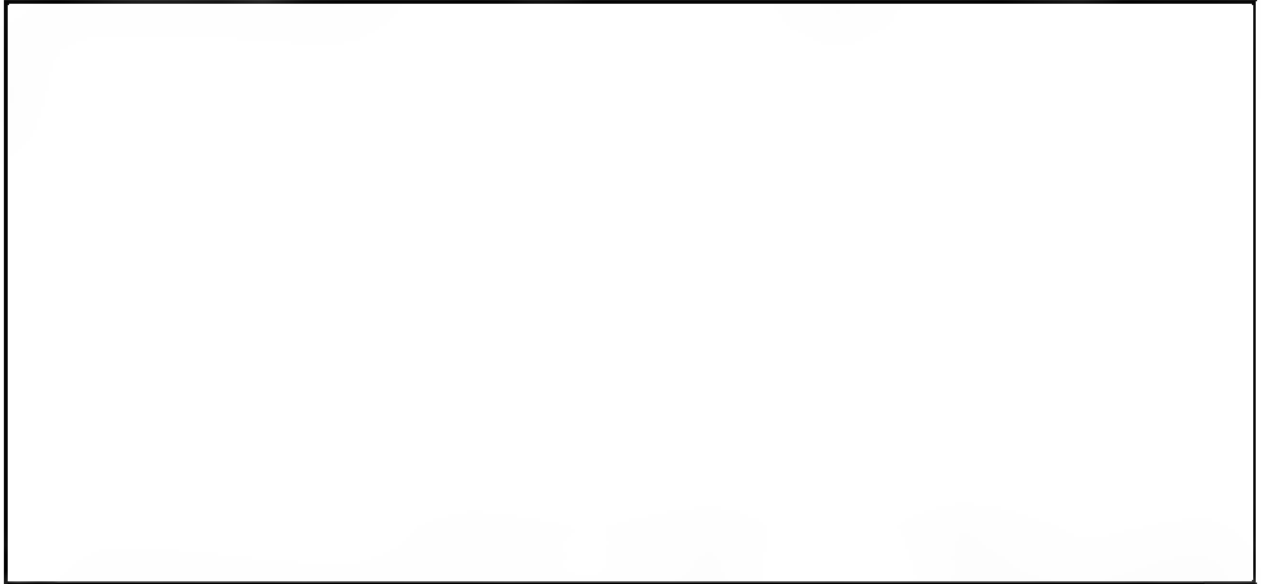
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All offices receiving copies of this airtel should conduct appropriate investigation aiming to closely follow activities of Top Hoodlums who have been identified as Commission members, in order that [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ARREST RECORD INCLUDES ARRESTS FOR RAPE, ASSAULT. HE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED DANGEROUS.



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AIRTEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2878).  
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (92-665).  
SUBJECT : THOMAS LUCHESE aka  
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(OO: NEW YORK)

ReNYairtel to Director, dated 3/2/61.

Referenced airtel advised that telephone directory belonging to subject examined by Special Agents of the NYO.

Records of NY Telephone Company reflect that

[redacted] is listed to [redacted]  
[redacted]

[redacted] is listed to [redacted]  
[redacted]

[redacted] is listed to [redacted]  
[redacted]

NY developing background, and will attempt to determine relationship to LUCHESE.

3 - Bureau (92-2878)  
① - New York (92-665)

(4) [redacted]  
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AIRTEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2878)  
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (92-665)  
SUBJECT : THOMAS LUCHESE aka  
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(OO: NEW YORK)



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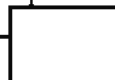
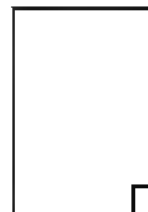
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3/7/61

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2878)  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (92-665)  
SUBJECT: THOMAS LUCHESE aka  
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(OO:NEW YORK)

Source of NYO stated on 3/6/61, that [redacted]  
[redacted]

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Inquiry at subject's places of business failed to reveal his presence and pretext inquiry at LUCHESE'S home developed no information.

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1 - [redacted]

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3/8/61

AIRTEL

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2878)

FROM SAC, NEW YORK (92-665)

SUBJECT THOMAS LUCHESE, aka  
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(OO:NEW YORK)

Patrolman [redacted] stationed at 821 E. 160th St., Bronx, NY, related this date that he had learned that LUCHESE was expected back in NY this week, but as yet has not put in an appearance at that location.

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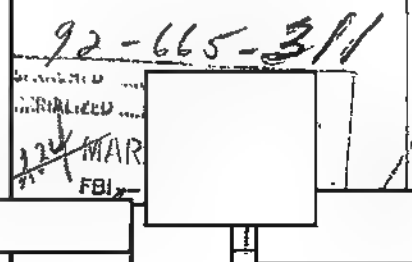
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THOMAS LUCHESE, AKA  
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ReBuairtels dated 2/1/61 and 2/15/61 captioned  
Criminal Intelligence Program.

Surep on above individual immediately.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2878)  
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (92-665)  
SUBJECT: THOMAS LUCHESE aka  
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(OO:NY)

[redacted] advised SA [redacted] on 3/10/61.

[redacted]  
Contact with NYCPD Patrolman [redacted] stationed  
at one of the subject's business establishments, fails to  
reveal LUCHESE's presence in NY.

[redacted] of Lauri De [redacted] Co.,  
stated on 3/10/61, that he has not seen or heard from  
LUCHESE for several weeks, and has no idea where he is or  
when he will return.

3 - Bureau (92-2878)  
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3/14/61

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2878)  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (92-665)  
SUBJECT: THOMAS LUCHESE aka  
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(OO:NEW YORK)

Investigation reveals that THOMAS LUCHESE is back  
in the NY area.

LUCHESE stated to source that [redacted]

[Large redacted area]

3 - Bureau (92-2878)  
① - New York (92-665)

1 - Supervisor #224  
1 - [redacted]

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2878)  
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (92-665)  
SUBJECT: THOMAS LUCHESE aka  
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(OO:NY)

[redacted] related on 2/3/61, that [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] related in January, 1961, [redacted]

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3/16/61

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2878)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (92-665)

SUBJECT: THOMAS LUCHESE aka  
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(OO: NY)

Efforts to contact [redacted]

[redacted] unproductive. [redacted]

has previously furnished information showing that [redacted]

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Attempts made to interview [redacted] at [redacted]

[redacted] a subscriber to one of the telephone numbers contained in THOMAS LUCHESE's telephone directory, likewise negative.

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LUCHESE has apparently resumed his regular activities, appearing at his dress concerns on a daily basis. ✓

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2878)  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (92-665)  
SUBJECT: THOMAS LUCHESE aka  
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(OO:NY)

Deputy Inspector [redacted] (NA), CIB,  
NYCPD advised 3/16/61, that he had received information  
from a highly confidential source that [redacted]

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AIRTEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2878)  
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (92-665)  
SUBJECT : THOMAS LUCHESE aka  
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(OO: NEW YORK)

The files of the NYO reflect that in proceedings of the NY State Crime Commission, held 3/29/51, THOMAS LUCHESE testified that he knew STEVE LA SALLA, denied that he was a relative, and finally stated, after persistent questioning, that he had formerly been in business with LA SALLA in the World Warehouse and Service Corporation and Bal Fran Blouse Company.

Further inquiry at these hearings revealed that ANDINO PAPPADIO was also connected with LUCHESE and LA SALLA in these businesses.

A source of the NYO related that [redacted]

[redacted]

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Investigation continuing concerning the connection between [redacted] and LUCHESE.

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1 - New York (92-665)

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[redacted]

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Serial 160  
dated [redacted]

[redacted]

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2878)  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (92-665)  
SUBJECT: THOMAS LUCHESE aka  
AR  
(OO: New York)

Investigation reveals that information furnished  
by source of NYO that [REDACTED]

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Investigation continuing to determine LA SALLA's  
residence.

Patrolman [REDACTED] NYCPD related that THOMAS  
LUCHESE did not appear at his factory at 821 East 160th Street  
in the Bronx, NY, on Monday, 3/20/61.

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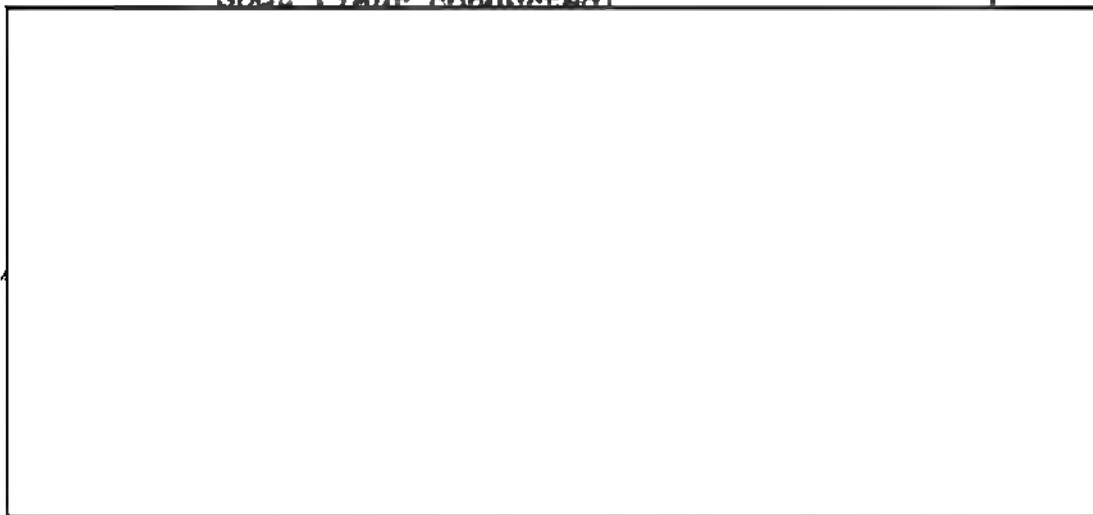
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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (92-665)

SUBJECT: THOMAS LUCHESE aka  
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The records of the US District Court, SDNY,  
as reviewed by SA [redacted] this date

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1 - New York (92-665)

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under docket number C156-157 reveals that ANDRINO PAPPADIO presently at liberty on bail of \$5,000, awaiting trial for narcotics conspiracy. His home address was noted as 121 Eva Drive, Lido Beach, NY and his attorney was noted as [redacted] Previous information has been furnished concerning the association between LUCHESE and [redacted]

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2878)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (92-665)

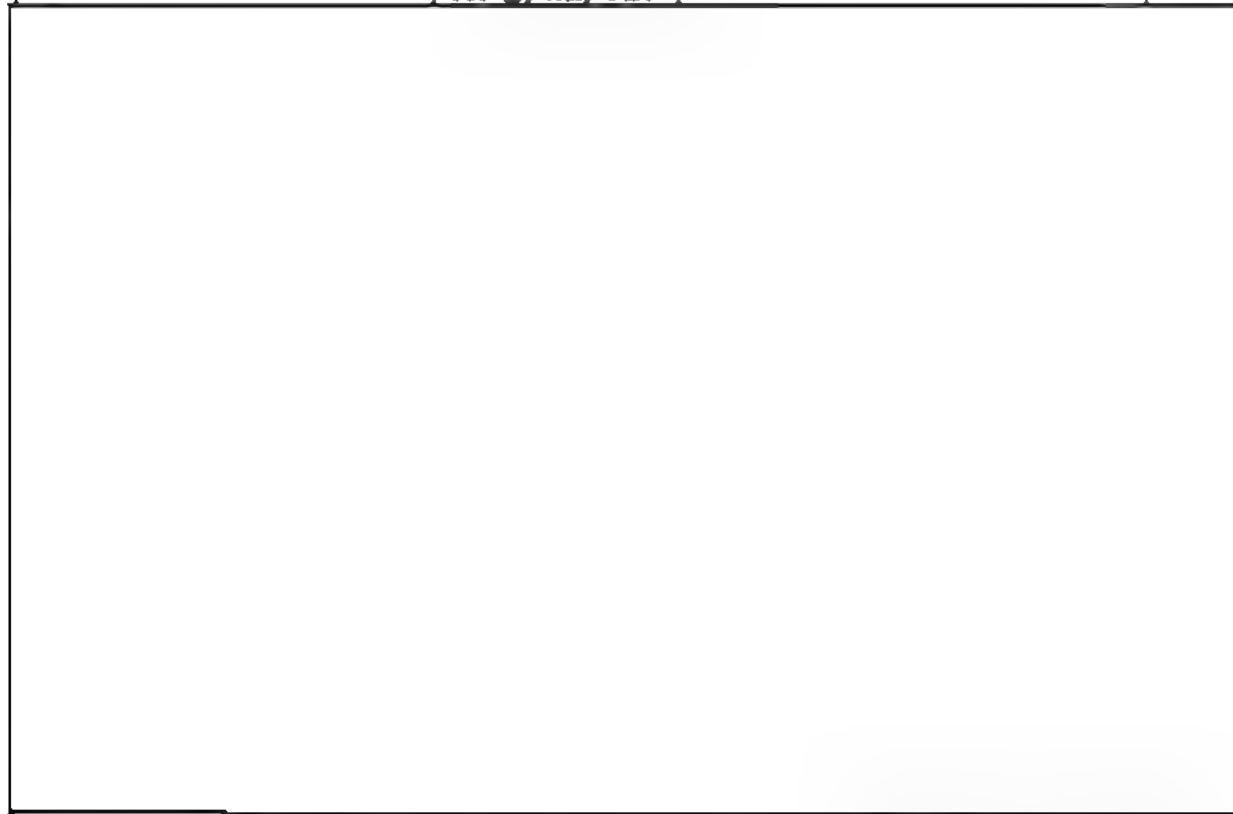
TOMAS LUCHESE, AKA

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(OO: NY)

[redacted] interviewed by SAs [redacted] and  
[redacted] on 3/21/61. [redacted]

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1 - New York (92-665)

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2878)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (92-665)

SUBJECT: THOMAS LUCHESE aka  
AR

(OO: NY)

[redacted] who is in a position to know the

NYO has confidentially obtained [redacted]

3-Bureau (92-2878)  
1-New York (92-665)

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2878)  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (92-665)  
SUBJECT: THOMAS LUCHESE aka  
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(OO: NEW YORK)

The AUSA, EDNY, has advised that as a result of the decision of the Supreme Court of the US, on 2/20/61, in cases involving FRANK COSTELLO and THOMAS LUCHESE, the Government can now proceed in its action to denaturalize LUCHESE.

It has been learned from INS, NYC, that they are currently preparing a case against LUCHESE. This case is based on LUCHESE's failure to disclose his complete arrest record at time of naturalization although he disclosed his arrest and conviction for grand larceny auto.

INS is awaiting location and interview of the retired INS investigators who handled LUCHESE's naturalization in 1943. They are also waiting to interview the one living witness who appeared for LUCHESE at that time. This witness is presently very aged and ill.

In view of current intensive efforts being directed toward prosecutive action of subject in immediate future, Bureau is requested, through liaison with Department of Justice, to determine if described INS investigation could be accelerated.

3-Bureau (92-2878)  
①-New York (92-665)

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To: DIRECTOR, FBI

Attention: Identification Division

Date 4/7/61

Re

THOMAS LUCHESE aka

Furnish The Known Identification Record of the Following:

Name		ANDIMO PAPPADIO		FBI No. 1331637		Other No. NYCPD 159069	
Aliases THOMAS							
Sex M	Race W	Birth Date 2/22/14//	Birthplace NYC	Residence 121 Eva Dr. Lido Beach, NY			
Height 5'10"	Weight 217	Build Hvy	Hair Bald	Eyes Brown	Complexion	Age 47	

Fingerprint Classification

Scars, marks and tattoos

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☐ Fingerprints  
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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2878)  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (92-665)  
SUBJECT: THOMAS LUCHESE aka  
AR  
(OO: NEW YORK)

Spot check of subject's home at 74 Royat Street, Lido Beach, NY, on 4/9,10/61, failed to reflect any activity and subject not observed.

On 4/10/61, [REDACTED] NYCPD, advised that he had observed subject entering premises at 821 East 160th Street, Bronx, NY, the address of Lauri Dress Company and State Fabrics Company. [REDACTED] said LUCHESE was present at this address from approximately 10:30 till 12:30 P.M. until he departed. He said he did not converse with the subject till he departed.

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Figure 1. Schematic diagram of the experimental setup.

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He said he had never met [redacted] a partner in this firm, and had only met [redacted] the other partner, on one occasion at an annual meeting of the Association. His impression of Art - Ed Trucking Co. was that it is small and inconsequential in the industry. He said neither [redacted] had any influence in the Association and neither had made any effort to influence his actions.

[redacted] said Champion Trucking Co., ABRAHAM CHAITS' company, is not a member of the Association.

[redacted] declined to allow the interview of officers of the Association without his presence at the interview.

Investigation continuing at NY.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2836)  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (92-686)  
SUBJECT: JOSEPH ANTHONY STRACI aka  
AR

On 4/13/61, [redacted]  
[redacted] of the National Dress Manufacturers  
Association was interviewed at the office of the association  
at 1450 Broadway, NYC.

[redacted] advised that the association represents  
about 220 manufacturing and jobbing firms in the dress  
industry and has been in existence since 1933. The  
association negotiates with four locals of the Dress Joint  
Board of the ILOU on behalf of its members.

[redacted] said he has been in the industry over  
20 years and he has seen no evidence of racketeer influence.  
He said there has been no evidence of improper influence in  
any of the negotiations conducted by his association.

[redacted] stated he does not know personally  
JOSEPH STRACI, LEO CARLINO, ABRAHAM CHAIT, JOHN ODDO or  
THOMAS LUCHESE.

3 - Bureau (92-2836)  
1 - New York (92-1503) (LEO CARLINO)  
1 - New York (92-644) (ABRAHAM CHAIT)  
1 - New York (92-673) (JOHN ODDO)  
1 - New York (92-665) (THOMAS LUCHESE)  
1 - New York (92-686)

(9) [redacted]

1 - Supervisor #224

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-371041)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-156141)

SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY, AKA; ALIEN SMUGGLING; CUBAN  
REVENUE

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[redacted] has been in the hospital for several  
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in the hospital. [redacted] has been in the hospital for  
several months, and is now in the hospital.

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SUBJECT : THOMAS LUCHESE, aka.  
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Re your airtel dated 7/18/61 and Chicago  
airtel to New York dated 6/16/61.

[redacted] Brunswick Corporation, 623 South  
Wabash, advised this date that a search of the account  
records for Whitestone Lanes, Incorporated, failed to  
reveal any financial statement concerning the officers  
of the corporation.

[redacted] advised that the only item contained  
in this file which would indicate any information  
concerning finances coming from New York was an  
equipment order transmittal letter dated February 10,  
1959. This letter which is transmitted with all  
pertinent documents at the time an order is forwarded  
for approval or rejection reflects the pertinent items  
in connection with the sale of this contract and one  
reference indicated a credit report was submitted.  
This credit report as explained by [redacted] is a standard form  
utilized only by Brunswick for their use in determining  
the potential of the account.

[redacted] stated that all orders are forwarded  
to Chicago for ultimate acceptance or rejection and it  
is incumbent upon Chicago to request any addition financial  
information. There is no inciation from this file that  
such financial information was requested concerning the  
officers of this company.

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[ ] stated that acceptance of an order is generally based on the location, potential and prospects of success rather than on the financial ability of an individual inasmuch as there oftentimes are acceptances of sales to persons having no credit standing. [ ] made a further search of the account for Playdrome, Incorporated which was an account wherein NICHOLAS DE ROSA was listed as secretary and LOUIS CHIARVALLE was reflected as president. No financial statement was contained in this file.

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[ ] concluded by stating that if a financial statement for the officers of this company did exist it would in fact be located in Chicago, however, since the file fails to reflect the statements themselves or any evidence that such statements were requested he does not believe that the Brunswick Corporation did deem it necessary to request such data.

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THOMAS LUCHESE, AKA; AR. DAILY TELETYPE SUMMARY. PATROLMAN

[REDACTED] NYCPD, ADVISED LUCHESE CONTINUES TO  
SHOW AT LAURI DRESS COMPANY ON DAILY BASIS. STATES  
SUBJECT APPARENTLY IS USING PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION INASMUCH  
AS HE HAS NOT SEEN SUBJECT'S CAR FOR SEVERAL WEEKS. SUBJECT  
OBSERVED AT LAURI DRESS AT TWO THIRTY PM, EIGHT FOUR SIXTY  
ONE. ~~DURING THIS PERIOD SURVEILLANCE SUBJECT APPROACHED~~

~~BY THE AGENT AND AGENT WITH STATEMENT TO BUREAU I AM HERE~~

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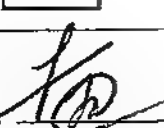
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THOMAS LUCHESE AKA; ANTI DASH RACKETEERING. DAILY TELETYPE SUMMARY. INVESTIGATION REFLECTS THAT NAVARRO DRESS COMPANY, OWNED BY SUBJECT MOVED FROM PREVIOUS ADDRESS THREE EIGHT ZERO TWO PARK AVENUE, BRONX TO THREE SEVEN EIGHT SIX THIRD AVENUE, BRONX. INVESTIGATION FURTHER REFLECTS THAT NAVARRO DRESS COMPANY OCCUPYING LOFT AT ABOVE ADDRESS WHICH IS A LOFT LEASED BY MAURICE SPORTSWEAR, INC. REVIEW OF LEASE REFLECTS THAT IT WAS EXECUTED ON SEVEN ONE SIXTY ONE, BY MAURICE SPORTSWEAR, INC. AND SIGNED BY THOMAS LUCHESE AS VICE PRESIDENT OF MAURICE SPORTSWEAR, INC. INVESTIGATION BEING INSTITUTED TO OBTAIN FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING MAURICE SPORTSWEAR, INC. AND TYPE OF BUSINESS IN WHICH IT IS ENGAGED AND SUBJECT'S CONNECTION.

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THOMAS LUCHESE AKA; ANTI DASH RACKETEERING. DAILY TELETYPE SUMMARY. SPOT CHECK WHITESTONE LANES, INC. TO DETERMINE IF SUBJECT IN CONTACT WITH KNOWN GAMBLERS, QUEENS, NEGATIVE. NICHOLAS DE ROSA, SECRETARY, OBSERVED ON PREMISES AND APPEARED TO BE ENGAGED IN DUTIES IN CONNECTION WITH BOWLING ALLEY. INVESTIGATION AT THREE EIGHT SIX SEVEN THIRD AVENUE, BRONX, NEW YORK, REFLECTED SUBJECT DIRECTED NEGOTIATIONS FOR LEASE OF PREMISES AT THIS ADDRESS. RECORD BRONX COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE FAILED TO REFLECT ANY INFORMATION REGARDING MAURICE SPORTSWEAR, INC. SPOT CHECK SUBJECT'S HOME SEVEN NINETEEN SIXTY ONE, FAILED TO REFLECT ANY ACTIVITY ON PART OF SUBJECT.

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THOMAS LUCHESE AKA, AR. DAILY TELETYPE SUMMARY. PATROLMAN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NYCPD, STATES SUBJECT CONTINUES TO MAKE DAILY APPEARANCE AT LAURI DRESS COMPANY, EIGHT TWO ONE EAST ONE SIX ZERO STREET, BRONX. SPOT CHECKS SUBJECT'S HOME JULY TWENTY FIVE INSTANT FAILED TO REFLECT SUBJECT'S PRESENCE; HOWEVER, SUBJECT AGAIN OPERATING NINETEEN SIXTY ONE CADILLAC OBTAINED FROM GOTHAM AUTO LEASE COMPANY. OBSERVATIONS AT WHITESTONE LANES AND PLAYDROME, INC. BOWLING ALLEYS, FAILED TO REFLECT PRESENCE OF SUBJECT. ON JULY TWENTY SIX INSTANT SUBJECT OBSERVED LEAVING HOME AT EIGHT A.M. SUBJECT ACCOMPANIED BY SON, [REDACTED] WHO WAS DRIVING CAR OWNED BY SUBJECT'S WIFE. SUBJECT AND SON PICKED UP [REDACTED] [REDACTED] BUDGET DRESS COMPANY, AND PROCEEDED TO ISLAND PARK STATION OF LIRR AND BOARDED NYC TRAIN.

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THOMAS LUCHESE AKA AR. DAILY TELETYPE SUMMARY. SUBJECT OBSERVED LAURI DRESS CO. EIGHT TWENTY ONE EAST ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTIETH ST., BRONX, NY. JOSEPH LA PORTA, PARTNER OF SUBJECT, APPROACHED BUCAR AND INTRODUCED SELF TO AGENT. LA PORTA COMPLAINED THAT HE AND SUBJECT WERE LEGITIMATE BUSINESS PEOPLE AND SHOULD NOT BE BOTHERED. [REDACTED] ILENE BARR, INC. FIVE ZERO ONE SEVENTH AVE., NYC, ADVISED SHE SHARES THIRD FLOOR OF BUILDING WITH SHERWOOD FASHIONS. STATED SHERWOOD FASHIONS DOING VERY GOOD BUSINESS AND ARE VERY ABLE BUSINESS PEOPLE. STATED THAT HE FELT PERSONS IN CHARGE OF BUSINESS TO BE LEGITIMATE BUSINESS MEN. DECLINED TO DISCUSS ANY ACTIVITIES OF SUBJECT. [REDACTED] CONSOLIDATED CREDIT COMPANY, ADVISED HE COULD LEARN NOTHING OF ACTIVITIES OF MAURICE SPORTSWEAR, INC. [REDACTED] MADE PRETEXT INQUIRY OF LANDE AND SCHNISSEL ACCOUNTANTS FOR BUDGET DRESS COMPANY AND THEY ADVISED THEY HAD NO INFORMATION OF ITS ACTIVITIES.

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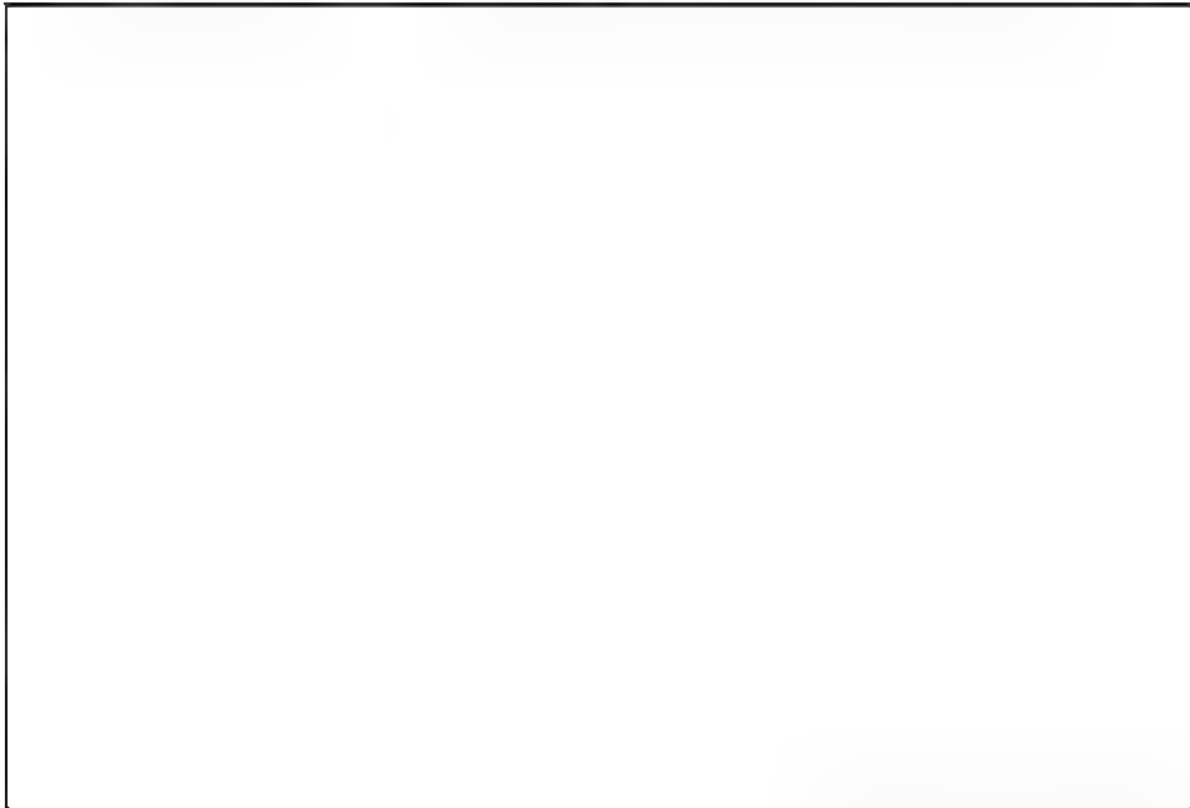
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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (92-665)

THOMAS LUCHESE AKA, AR, DAILY TELETYPE SUMMARY. ~~IT HAS~~  
~~BEEN REPORTED BY INFORMANTS THAT IT IS ALLEGED THAT~~ REPORT① - New York (92-665)  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2878)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (92-665)

~~SUBJECT~~ THOMAS LUCHESE AKA AR DAILY TELETYPE SUMMARY.

[REDACTED] SEAWAY MANAGEMENT CORPORATION, ~~TWO FIVE SEVEN FOUR THREE STREET~~, NYC, ADVISED THIS CORPORATION OPERATES ~~THE~~ SEAWAY IDLEWILD HOTEL, QUEENS, ~~NEW YORK~~. ~~THE~~ CORPORATION SUBLEASES ~~THE~~ HOTEL FROM A LIMITED PARTNERSHIP CONSISTING OF THE CORPORATE OFFICERS, THEIR FAMILY<sup>ES</sup> AND ~~A~~ FEW CLOSE FRIENDS. | THE CORPORATION WAS FORMED TO MEET REQUIREMENTS OF ~~THE~~ NYS LIQUOR AUTHORITY WHICH WILL NOT LICENSE A LIMITED PARTNERSHIP. [REDACTED] DID NOT RECOGNIZE ~~A~~ PHOTOGRAPH OF SUBJECT AND <sup>SAID</sup> ~~ADVISED~~ NAME WAS ~~COMPLETELY~~ UNFAMILIAR TO HIM. DENIED ~~THAT~~ SUBJECT OR ASSOCIATES HAD INTEREST/IN HOTEL. STATED ~~THAT~~ HE DOES NOT VISIT HOTEL OFTEN AND NOT AWARE OF PERSONS WHO MIGHT HANG OUT IN BAR. STATED THAT DUE TO ITS CLOSE PROXIMITY WITH AQUEDUCT RACE TRACK MIGHT GIVE RISE TO RUMOR ~~THAT~~ HOODLUM CHARACTERS OWN THE HOTEL IF THEY FREQUENT THE BAR.

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TO: DIRECTOR, (92-2878)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (92-665)

THOMAS LUCHESE AKA, AR, DAILY TELETYPE SUMMARY. [REDACTED]

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2866)  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (92-646)  
SUBJECT: MICHELINO CLEMENTE aka  
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The following information was obtained from  
[redacted] on the following date:

Extreme care and caution should be used concerning information furnished by this informant and if the information is used in any manner, it should be paraphrased so as not to compromise this valuable informant.

[redacted]

- 3 - Bureau (92-2866)
- 1 - Chicago (Info)
- 2 - Newark (Info)
- 1 - Philadelphia (Info)
- 1 - Phoenix (Info)
- 1 - New York (92-676)
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One copy of this airtel is being furnished to Chicago, Newark, Philadelphia and Phoenix, for information purposes, as the aforementioned offices have alleged "commission" members residing in their particular territories, or have furnished information concerning the "commission". Specific leads for the Newark Office will be set out in a separate communication, concerning [redacted] mentioned on Page 3 of this airtel.

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The NYO will continue efforts to properly evaluate information being furnished by [redacted] and the Bureau will be immediately advised of all important activity concerning this informant.

[redacted] ARREST RECORD INCLUDES ARREST FOR RAPE, ASSAULT. HE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED DANGEROUS.



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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2866)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (92-646)

SUBJECT: MICHELINO CLEMENTE, aka  
AR

The following information was obtained from  
[redacted] on the following date.

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Extreme care and caution should be used concerning information furnished by this informant, and if the information is used in any manner, it should be paraphrased so as not to compromise this valuable informant.

- 3 - Bureau (92-2866)
- 1 - Chicago (Info)
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Copies of this airtel are being furnished to the Chicago and Philadelphia Offices for information purposes. The Newark Office has been advised by airtel dated 8/8/61. to discreetly develop information concerning one [redacted] Newark Office, at this time, is being requested to furnish any information concerning [redacted]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
FD NYC NY	Frank Campaniello #64575	1-9-26	robbery	3-8-26 Sing Sing 5 to 10 yrs
Sing Sing Prison Ossining NY	*Frank Campanella #78239	3-9-26	robbery 2nd deg	5 to 10 yrs
FD NYC NY	Frank Campanello #B-64675	2-7-35	PL 722	2-14-35 dish
FD NYC NY	Frank Campanello #B-64575	9-28-36	83' CCP Vag	

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Since neither fingerprints nor an identifying number which is indexed in our files accompanied your request, FBI cannot prove in any manner that this material concerns the individual in whom you are interested.

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NAME (Last, First, Middle)	ASSIGNED OR RELINQUISHED	STATUS	DATE
<b>DESCRIPTION:</b>			
Race: White			
Sex: Male			
Height: 5-4 1/2			
Weight: 116			
Hair: Brown			
Eyes: Grey			
Complexion: Pale			
Build: Slim			
Scars and marks: III on c/o @ or brw ext			
Date and place of birth: 1904 NY NY			
Citizenship: Amer			
Residence: 111-22 39th Ave, Corona LI (in 1935)			
Occupation: Plumber			

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This report shows no identification. Being considered data included FBI in fingerprint collection. There is no question as to the accuracy of the information at source in this case, commensurate with the FBI's role in the collection of fingerprints. The data included in this report are NOT based on information in FBI files but are based only on investigative facts as being possible, obtained from the source.

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6. Do not fill in block in lower-right corner.
7. Where available furnish Law Enforcement Identification Number and Military Service Number.

To: DIRECTOR, FBI

Attention: Identification Division

Date

8/7/61

Re

THOMAS LUCHESE aka AR

Furnish The Known Identification Record of the Following:

Name

FRANK CAMPANELLO

FBI No.

Other No.

Aliases

FRANKIE BELL

Sex

M

Race

W

Birth Date

6/16/06

Birthplace

NYC

Residence

QUEENS, NY  
141-60 11 AVE, MALBA, NY

Height

5'4"

Weight

145

Build

MED

Hair

Brown

Eyes

Blue

Complexion

Age

55

Fingerprint Classification

Scars, marks and tattoos

TRX:

(1) 62-228

Also Furnish:

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☐ Fingerprints

☐ Handwriting Specimens

Return Reply to:

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(PRK-224)

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Identification Division's Reply 8-11-61

☐ On basis of information furnished, unable to identify:

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☐ Civil Files

☐ All Files

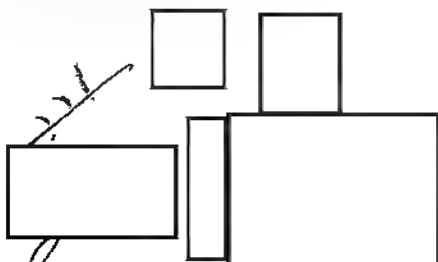
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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
208 Army	Joseph A. Laratro #C-102-ORS	appl 12-9-42		
808 Army	Joseph Laratro #39-042	appl 1-15-43		
Capt of the Port NY NY	Joseph A. Laratro #031-1095713-B	appl 6-22-43		
208 Army	Joseph Albert Laratro #102WMM	appl 7-8-43		

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Since neither fingerprints nor an identity card is released in this case, the Bureau is unable to determine the individuals to whom you are interested.

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Director

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	<p>DESCRIPTION:</p> <p>Race: Caucasian</p> <p>Sex: Male</p> <p>Height: 5-8</p> <p>Weight: 180</p> <p>Hair: Brown</p> <p>Eyes: Brown</p> <p>Complexion: ruddy</p> <p>Build: husky</p> <p>Date and Place of Birth: 2-7-16 NYC</p> <p>Citizenship: USA</p> <p>Residence: 104-20 42nd Ave., Corona, NY in 1943</p> <p>Company: Sub-Contractor, Fresh Meadow Dairy- Wheeler Shippco, in 1943</p> <p>Scars and marks: appendectomy</p>			

Since neither fingerprints nor an identifying number have been placed on this report, you are requested to use it in any manner that this material concerns the individual in whom you are interested.

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To: DIRECTOR, FBI

Attention: Identification Division

Date

8/7/61

Re

THOMAS LICHESSE aka AR

### Furnish The Known Identification Record of the Following:

Name

JOSEPH LARATTO

FBI No.

Other No. NYCPD # 11494

Aliases

JOSEPH NARROW, JOEY NARROWS

Sex M	Race W	Birth Date 2/7/16	Birthplace	Residence 33-16 141st St. FLUSHING, NY		
Height 5'8"	Weight 185	Build Med	Hair Brown	Eyes Brown	Complexion	Age 45

Fingerprint Classification

Scars, marks and tattoos

Also Furnish:

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- ☐ Photo  
☐ Fingerprints  
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Identification Division's Reply

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2878)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (92-665)

THOMAS LUCHESE AKA; AR, DAILY TELETYPE SUMMARY. BRUNSWICK CORPORATION, CHICAGO ADVISED NO CREDIT INFORMATION OR FINANCIAL REPORTS SUBMITTED BY OFFICERS WHITESTONE LANES, INC. AT TIME BOWLING ALLEY EQUIPMENT INSTALLED. NOT NECESSARY THAT INDIVIDUALS HAVE ANY CREDIT RATING TO RECEIVE CREDIT IN MANY INSTANCES. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISED [REDACTED]

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WILLIAM WILSON, 44, is a living in Los Angeles under the name JOHN WILSON, known as the alias of several of the other members of the so-called "Black Panther Party" and is a member of the Black Panther Party. He said the people in the Black Panther Party who he met during the time he was in the Black Panther Party had formerly been of his organization and were in contact with his father, WILSON WILSON, JR. He said his father currently resides at 11111 11th Avenue, Glendale, CA and has been employed by the FBI for the past 10 years.

Alcoholic was questioned by **Cardinal JOSEPH LUCHESE**  
and the Rev. James Jerome Martin who are  
coordinators for people's will. **Deacons** **and FRANK**  
and several others of lower ecclesiastical rank including  
a priest, a St. Joseph's pastor and several other laymen were  
also. The priest, a prominent figure in the history of the  
church is alleged to have been involved in the case.

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~~BROCCINI denied operating with any other known~~  
~~entities for the purpose of making or selling weapons and~~  
~~stated that he has never been arrested by the Italian Navy.~~  
~~He said he has been arrested for murder.~~

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WATKINS admitted that he drives a 1960 Ford Mustang, black, four door, New York registration 592 [redacted] and is registered in [redacted].

[redacted] He said that he has a driver's license and has not had one in approximately five years when he had some trouble with his license, and it was revoked. He admitted driving his car registered at one time under the name JIM [redacted] and said he was working from 1964 through 1967 and worked until he was killed. He said that he does not know of the day when he drove his wife and then gave out the keys. He said he thought he was with her at the apartment that he lived at 1100 Street and Avenue Street, Bronx, about six or eight weeks ago he had a conversation with the mother of the child and took her to the hospital. He said the mother of the child is [redacted] and he [redacted] and he [redacted] and [redacted] and [redacted].

He said he knows not [redacted] but he recalls that they [redacted] together once in a while.

Now the man, who said he was working for individual by name but stated that he believed that he is a furrier who is presently out of work.

A check of the mailboxes at this public school  
did not indicate to [redacted]  
[redacted] business address listed as above. [redacted] Company,  
17 St. Francis Street, Suite, New York.

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The following is a description of [REDACTED] as [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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 Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_  
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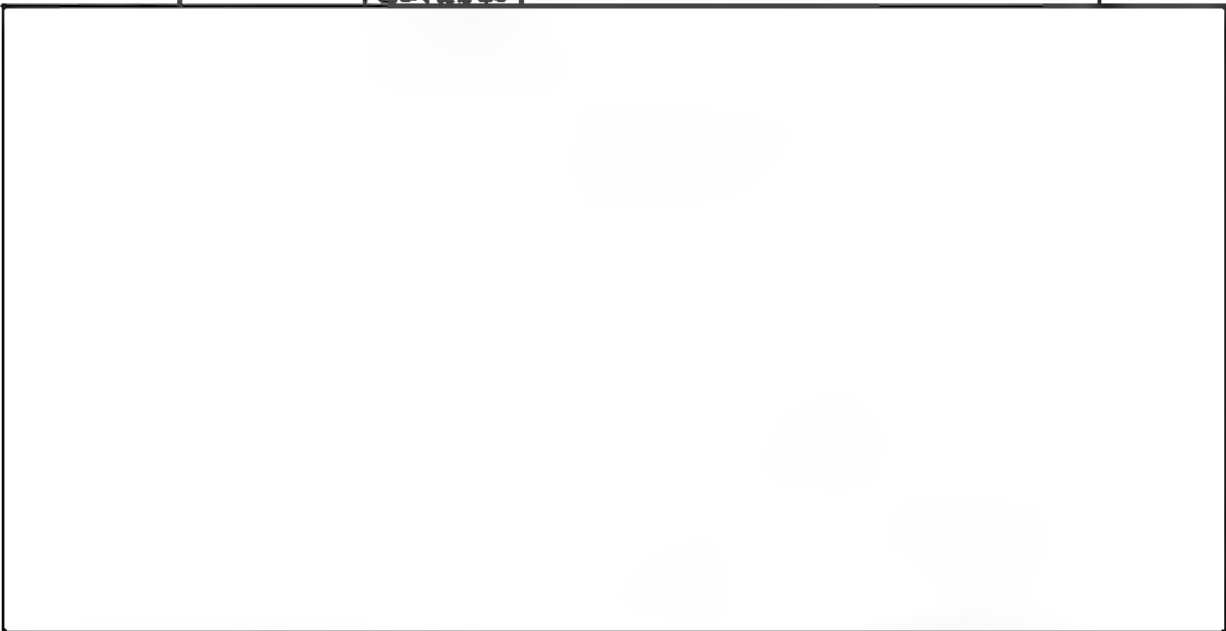
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-5381)  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (92-2022)  
SUBJECT: [REDACTED] ET AL;  
CONRAD SPORTSWEAR; ET AL - VICTIMS  
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On 8/14/61, AUSA [REDACTED] SDNY, advised [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] before  
FCJ, SDNY, [REDACTED] re instant investigation.  
[REDACTED] advised [REDACTED]

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2878)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (92-665)

THOMAS LUCHESE AKA, AR. DAILY TELETYPE SUMMARY. SPOT CHECK  
OF SUBJECT'S HOME, LIDO BEACH, FAILED TO REFLECT ANY  
ACTIVITY ON PART OF SUBJECT. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BACKGROUND OBTAINED  
TO FACILITATE INTERVIEW OF DE ROSA REGARDING ALLEGATIONS  
SUBJECT HAS INTEREST IN WHITESTONE LANES.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2878)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (92-665)

THOMAS LUCHESE AKA, AR. DAILY TELETYPE SUMMARY. SPOT CHECK  
OF SUBJECT'S HOME EVENING OF EIGHT SIXTEEN LAST, REFLECTED  
HOME LIGHTED AND SHADES DRAWN. ALL FAMILY CARS OBSERVED PARKED  
IN DRIVE OF HOME. SPOT CHECKS LAURI DRESS CO., BRONX,

EIGHT SIXTEEN LAST, FAILED TO REFLECT SUBJECT. PATROLMAN

NYCPD, ADVISED SUBJECT PRESENT DURING MORNING  
TO HANDLE PAYROLL FOR EMPLOYEES. EFFORTS CONTINUING TO

ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE IF SUBJECT ASSOCIATED WITH HIS BROTHERS  
IN GAMBLING ACTIVITIES, QUEENS. ~~SPOT CHECKS~~ JOSEPH LUCHESE **OBSERVED**

~~REFLECTS~~ DRIVING CAR REGISTERED TO BENEDETTI REALTY CO., THIRTY  
NINE DASH ZERO ONE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH ST., CORONA. DETECTIVE

FORTY THIRD SQUAD, BRONX, ~~ADVISED THAT HE~~ KNOWS OF NO  
ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES AT PLAYDROME, INC., BRONX. STATED

ACQUAINTED WITH NICHOLAS DE ROSA AND DE ROSA ~~HE~~ KNOWN IN

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2878)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (92-665)

THOMAS LUCHESE ALSO KNOWN AS, ANTI DASH RACKETEERING. DAILY  
TELETYPE SUMMARY. SPOT CHECK LAURI DRESS COMPANY, BRONX,  
FAILED TO REFLECT SUBJECT. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ADVISED [REDACTED]  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2878)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (92-665)

THOMAS LUCHESE ALSO KNOWN AS, AR DAILY TELETYPE SUMMARY.

NICHOLAS DE ROSA, BRONX, NEW YORK, ADVISED THAT HE IS A SHAREHOLDER AND MANAGER OF PLAYDROME, INCORPORATED, BRONX, AND WHITESTONE Lanes, INCORPORATED, QUEENS BOWLING ALLEYS. ADVISED SHAREHOLDERS PLAYDROME ARE LOUIS CHIARAVALLE, PRESIDENT, SADIE GALLUCCIO, VICE - PRESIDENT, FRANCES MACALUSO, TREASURER, AND NICHOLAS DE ROSA, SECRETARY. EACH OWN TWENTY HYPHEN FIVE PER CENT INTEREST. DE ROSA STATED HE PURCHASED HIS INTEREST IN PLAYDROME FROM [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] [REDACTED] IN ONE NINE FIVE FOUR. [REDACTED] HAS HAD NO INTEREST OR EMPLOYMENT WITH THIS CORPORATION SINCE THAT TIME. DE ROSA ADVISED OFFICERS OF WHITESTONE Lanes ARE JOSEPH SPARACINO, PRESIDENT, TWENTY HYPHEN FIVE PER CENT INTEREST, MORRIS GRIEFF, VICE - PRESIDENT, TWENTY HYPHEN FIVE PER CENT INTEREST, LOUIS CHIARAVALLE, TREASURER, TWELVE AND ONE HALF PER CENT

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INTEREST, NICHOLAS DE ROSA, SECRETARY, TWENTY HYPERION TWO  
AND ONE HALF PER CENT INTEREST, AND [REDACTED]  
FIFTEEN PER CENT INTEREST. DE ROSA DENIED KNOWING SUBJECT OR  
HIS BROTHERS EXCEPT BY REPUTATION FROM NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS.  
DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF GAMBLING ACTIVITIES, QUEENS, OR  
KNOWING GAMBLERS. STATED TO HIS KNOWLEDGE ALL STOCKHOLDERS  
LISTED ARE PERSONS WHO ACTUALLY FURNISHED MONEY FOR ALLEYS  
AND KNOWS OF NO HIDDEN INTERESTS. DE ROSA ADVISED THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IS A DAY DESK MAN, OPERATING WHITESTONE  
**STATED THAT CREDIT WAS EXTENDED TO WHITESTONE LANES**  
LANES BY BRUNSWICK CORPORATION ON BASIS OF HIS CREDIT  
REPUTATION WITH BRUNSWICK CORPORATION.

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (92-665)

THOMAS LUCHESE AKA, AR. DAILY TELETYPE SUMMARY.

PATROLMAN [REDACTED] NYCPD, ADVISED LUCHESE HAS BEEN  
APPEARING AT LAURI DRESS COMPANY ON A DAILY BASIS. STATED  
LUCHESE CONTINUES TO APPEAR BY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION  
AND IS ALONE. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] SPOT CHECKS OF JOSEPH LUCHESE  
AND ASSOCIATES, NEGATIVE.

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Date August 24, 1961

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On 8/21/61 at [redacted] File # Newark 92-427  
by SA [redacted] Date dictated 8/23/61

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (92-665)

/ THOMAS LUCHESE AKA DAILY TELETYPE SUMMARY. INVESTIGATION  
REFLECTS SHEWOOD FASHIONS FULLY PROTECTED BY HOLMES ALARM  
SYSTEM. [REDACTED]

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Date 8/28/61

NICHOLAS DE ROSA, 1550 Haight Street, Bronx, New York, advised that he is the co-manager of Playdrome, Incorporated, 1580 White Plains Road, Bronx, New York, and Whitestone Lanes, Incorporated, 30-05 Whitestone Parkway, Queens, New Yrk.

DE ROSA advised that the corporate officers and stockholders of Playdrome, Incorporated, are as follows:

LOUIS CHIARAVALLE  
President  
25 per cent interest

SADIE GALUCCIO  
Vice President  
25 per cent interest

FRANCES MACALUSO  
Treasurer  
25 per cent interest

NICHOLAS DE ROSA  
Secretary  
25 per cent interest

DE ROSE said he originally purchased his interest in this company in January, 1954 purchasing a 12½ per cent stock interest from [redacted] who is now employed as day desk man and a 12½ per cent interest from [redacted]  
[redacted]

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On 8/22/61 at 1580 White Plains Road  
Bronx, New York File # NY 92-665 -540  
by SAS [redacted] & [redacted] Date dictated 8/24/61

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DE ROSA said that CHIARAVALLE was a stockholder in Playdrome for several years prior to 1954. SADIE GALUCCIO purchased her interest sometime in the early 1940's from the original incorporators of the alley. FRANCES MACALUSO has held her interest for approximately the same period of time as SADIE GALUCCIO.

DE ROSA stated that he and CHIARAVALLE are the active managers and no decisions on daily operations are made by anyone in the corporation but them. GALUCCIO and MACALUSO take no part in the operation of the business, however, there is a corporation meeting once or twice a year which usually deals with the profits of the business and the amount which will be paid as profit.

DE ROSA stated that ANDIMO PAPPADIO has no present interest in the corporation and in no way receives any money or profits from the corporation. He said to his knowledge no one other than the shareholders that he has listed have any interest whatsoever in this company. He said that the company had a fire earlier this year and suffered considerable water damage to the alleys and interior of the premises. As a result of this the alleys were remodeled and some new equipment was installed. He stated that this has cost a considerable amount of money, however, the equipment was installed by Brunswick Corporation and it was all installed on credit.

DE ROSA furnished the following information regarding Whitestone Lanes, Queens, New York. He said that the stockholders and officers at the present time are as follows:

JOSEPH SPARACINO  
President  
25 per cent interest

MORRIS GRIEFF  
Vice President  
25 per cent interest

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LOUIS CHIARAVALLE  
Treasurer  
12½ per cent interest

NICHOLAS DE ROSA  
Secretary  
22½ per cent interest



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DE ROSA said when the corporation was set up and the business started JOSEPH LIEBERMAN, owner of Lieberman Properties, Incorporated, Brooklyn, New York, constructed the building and leased it to Whitestone Lanes, Incorporated. JOSEPH SPARACINO, the president, owned the land that is now used as the parking lot and deeded this land to Lieberman Properties as security for the lease and this was SPARACINO's contribution to the corporation for his shares of stock. MORRIS GRIEFF, who is an accountant and does the accounting work for Whitestone Lanes, actually put up \$25,000 cash at the outset of the business. DE ROSA stated that he put up \$25,000 cash for his shares and also put up approximately \$12,500 for LOUIS CHIARAVALLE which CHIARAVALLE has since repaid. He stated that [redacted] put up [redacted] for his share of the corporation. [redacted] put up [redacted] for a ten per cent interest in the corporation at the outset, however, he, DE ROSA, has obtained these shares from [redacted] paying [redacted] in cash, and [redacted] in monthly payments to [redacted] giving him a substantial profit.

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DE ROSA stated that the stockholders listed above to his knowledge are the only persons who have a financial interest in the Whitestone Lanes and denied that there is any "racket money" or other money invested in this bowling alley.

DE ROSA advised that he is not acquainted with and does not know THOMAS LUCHESE except he stated that he is aware of his name and reputation because of newspaper publicity he



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has received over the years. He said to his knowledge LUCHESE has never been in the bowling alley and is not associated with any of the stockholders. He said that he has heard of JAMES PLUMERI also known as James Doyle and denied acquaintance with him or knowing anything other than what he has read in newspaper accounts regarding PLUMERI and his activities. He said to his knowledge PLUMERI does not frequent Whitestone Lanes.

DE ROSA denied that he is acquainted with or knows JOSEPH LUCHESE, ANTHONY LUCHESE and JAMES LUCHESE. He denied being acquainted with FRANK CAMPANELLO also known as Frankie Bell. He stated that he has heard of JOSEPH NARROW whose true name is JOSEPH LARATRO. He denied that he had any knowledge that these individuals have been alleged to be associated with gambling or gambling activities and stated that there has never been any gambling activities permitted in Whitestone Lanes and there have been no complaints or statements to him that such activities have ever taken place in Whitestone Lanes. DE ROSA admitted that [REDACTED] is employed in the bowling alley as a day desk man. He said that the desk man is the person who assigns the alleys, handles the payment for each line bowled and more or less is in charge of the operation of the alleys.

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DE ROSA advised that the following persons work as desk men at Playdrome, Incorporated:



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He pointed out that [REDACTED] is, he believes, a son of the original incorporator of Playdrome, Incorporated.

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The desk men at Whitestone Lanes are:



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DE ROSA stated that when Whitestone Lanes was originally started the Brunswick Corporation did not require a financial statement from the incorporators because he and LOUIS CHIARAVALLE had established a reputation and credit rating with the Brunswick Corporation and on this basis all credit was extended. He stated that the regular expenses of operation of this corporation is \$67,200 yearly rent, approximately \$60,000 yearly for the bowling machines, approximately \$48,000 yearly for the alleys and \$5,000 yearly for restaurant and bar equipment.

DE ROSA provided the following background information regarding himself.

He said that he resided at 1550 Haight Street, with his mother and his brother [redacted] who is a patrolman with the New York City Police Department and works in Communications Bureau, Bronx, New York.

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He said that he completed high school and had one year of college. Prior to 1938 he worked in several offices in downtown Manhattan as a clerk. In 1938 he worked for his father who owned a bar at 126th Street and Lenox Avenue, Manhattan. In 1944 to 1947 he worked in various business offices in the Manhattan area in clerical and other minor positions. He said from 1947 to 1950 he was partner in the Jamaica Hollis Ice and Beverage Company and was engaged in

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in distribution of beer and soft drinks. During 1951 he was employed as a driver for Plaza Beverage Company in Long Island City. During 1952 he shaped at a local beer haulers union and drove beer trucks for various concerns throughout the city. For a period of approximately three years, 1952 to 1955, he drove a truck for Charles Snider Company, Tarrytown Road, White Plains, New York, as a distributor of Pils beer. He stated in addition to the above employment, from about 1955 to 1958 he operated ten juke boxes with LOUIS CHIARAVALLE under the trade style of Lunik Company. He stated that in March of 1959 he and CHIARAVALLE purchased the Albee Bowling Alley in Jackson Heights and operated it under the trade style Lunik Company. During the period they owned this bowling alley it was closed for approximately three months for remodeling and during the year 1959 they lost money from its operation. He said when he sold this bowling alley in 1960 he realized approximately \$15,000 in profits. DE ROSA stated that while he owned this bowling alley in January, 1960, he was shot in the arm during a holdup of the bowling alley.

DE ROSA stated that his source of capital for his investments in these various companies has been his mother who had this money as a result of his father's business enterprises over the years. He said that his father died approximately two years and had left his estate to his mother.

DE ROSA stated that at the present time he is drawing no salary from Whitestone Lanes because business is very slow due to the summer slump. He said prior to that he was drawing \$200 a week salary and each year received approximately \$3,000 on his investment. He said that business at Playdrome, Incorporated has also been slow and is not currently drawing a salary from that business.

The following is a description of DE ROSA as obtained by observation and interview:

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Name	NICHOLAS DE ROSA
Address	1550 Haight Street Bronx, New York
Date of Birth	February 22, 1918
Place of Birth	Bronx, New York
Height	5' 10"
Weight	225 pounds
Hair	Brown - balding
Eyes	Brown
Marital Status	Single

DIRECTOR, FBI ( 92-2373)

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SAC, NEW YORK (92-665)

THOMAS LUCHESE aka  
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Re Bureau airtel to San Francisco, dated 7/20/61,  
captioned "DISSEMINATION OF INTELLIGENCE REPORTS TO USAs".

Transmitted herewith as enclosures are three  
copies of report of SA [redacted] dated and captioned  
as above at New York.

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A copy of the instant report will be furnished  
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[REDACTED] NYCPD, ADVISED SUBJECT CONTINUES TO APPEAR AT  
LAURI DRESS COMPANY, BRONX. SPOT CHECKS SUBJECT'S HOME LIDO  
BEACH REFLECTS SUBJECT'S AUTOMOBILE PARKED AT HIS HOME. NO  
ACTIVITY OBSERVED. SPOT CHECKS JOSEPH LUCHESE, FRANK  
CAMPANELLO AND ASSOCIATES FAIL TO REFLECT SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2878)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (92-665)

THOMAS LUCHESE AKA; AR. DAILY TELETYPE SUMMARY. INFORMANT

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FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (92-274)

THOMAS LUCHESE, aka.  
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Re New York airtel to Baltimore, 8/31/61.

On 9/7/61, records of the Central District, Baltimore PD, reflect that [redacted] had been arrested by the Baltimore PD on 8/21/61 while attempting to pass forged Western Union Money Orders. [redacted] have been incarcerated since this date on one count of forgery and two counts of receiving stolen goods. [redacted]

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According to the records of the Baltimore PD, the Western Union Money Orders found in the possession of [redacted] and [redacted] at the time of their arrest were taken during a holdup of a Western Union office in NYC. The NYC PD has been advised of the arrest of [redacted] and [redacted] however, they have indicated no desire to extradite these individuals or to come to Baltimore to question them regarding the holdup. Both [redacted] and [redacted] have been questioned by the Baltimore PD re the holdup of the Western Union office, NYC, but both have refused to give any statement concerning this holdup or their possession of the Western Union Money Orders.

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On 9/7/61, [redacted] was interviewed by SA [redacted] at the Baltimore City Jail. [redacted] denied either knowing personally or by reputation JAMES LUCHESE, aka; Joseph Luchese, aka., or ANTHONY LUCHESE, aka. [redacted] also denied knowing THOMAS LUCHESE, although he admitted he had seen articles

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in New York papers re "THREE FINGER BROWN", who was allegedly a New York hoodlum. [ ] not only commented that he did not know any of these individuals, but stated "what would a guy like me be doing mixed up big-time gangsters". [ ] was also questioned concerning all of the other individuals mentioned in referenced airtel; however, he denied knowing any of these persons with the exception of [ ] with whom he had been arrested in NYC.

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[ ] commented that he would refuse to discuss any of his activities or any of the charges for which he is presently being incarcerated.

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For the information of New York, [ ] are the subjects in the case entitled [ ] aka.; [ ] ET AL, ITSP, OO NK" and a complaint was filed 8/6/61 at Newark charging these individuals with ITSP due to the fact that they had been identified as passing the aforementioned stolen money orders at Atlantic City, N. J.

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (92-665)

THOMAS LUCHESE AKA. AR. DAILY TELETYPE SUMMARY. SPOT CHECKS  
LAURI DRESS COMPANY, BRONX, FOR ACTIVITIES OF SUBJECT NEGATIVE.  
POLICE POST OUTSIDE THIS COMPANY UNOCCUPIED THIS DATE.

RE NY TEL SEPTEMBER ONE LAST, INFORMANT ADVISED b6  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2878)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (92-665)

THOMAS LUCHESE AKA. AR. DAILY TELETYPE SUMMARY.

SPOT CHECK LAURI DRESS COMPANY, BRONX, FAILED TO REFLECT ACTIVITIES OF SUBJECT. PRETEXT TELEPHONE CALL LAURI DRESS COMPANY, REVEALED SUBJECT HAD NOT APPEARED THROUGH LATE AFTERNOON. [REDACTED] ALLEGED GAMBLING ASSOCIATE OF JAMES LUCHESE, ARRESTED BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, FOR FORGERY. IN INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED] AT BALTIMORE, [REDACTED] DENIED ASSOCIATION WITH SUBJECT OR HIS BROTHERS. STATED KNEW SUBJECT THROUGH NEWSPAPER PUBLICITY ONLY. STATED NOT ASSOCIATED WITH GAMBLING ELEMENT AND NOT ENGAGED GAMBLING.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2878)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (92-665)

THOMAS LUCHESE AKA; AR. DAILY TELETYPE SUMMARY. SUBJECT PRESENT LAURI DRESS COMPANY, BRONX FOR MORE THAN TWO HOURS. OBSERVED VISITING BRANCH LOCAL BANK DURING THIS PERIOD OF TIME.

PATROLMAN [REDACTED] NYCPD ADVISED THAT SUBJECT INDICATED TO HIM IN CONVERSATION THAT BUSINESS IS VERY SLOW AT THIS TIME. SUBJECT INDICATED HE MIGHT TRY TO START ANOTHER SEWING FACTORY IN BRONX. SPOT CHECK TUFARO'S RESTAURANT, QUEENS REFLECTED JOSEPH LUCHESE AND FRANK CAMPANELLO PRESENT. JOSEPH E. BROCCCHINO, ANOTHER KNOWN QUEENS GAMBLER, OBSERVED JOINING THE ABOVE TWO INDIVIDUALS AT THIS LOCATION. IT IS NOTED THAT BROCCCHINI IN INTERVIEW HAS PREVIOUSLY DENIED BEING ACQUAINTED WITH EITHER LUCHESE OR CAMPANELLO.

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (92-665)

THOMAS LUCHESE AKA. AR. DAILY TELETYPE SUMMARY.

PATROLMAN [REDACTED] NYCPD, ADVISED THAT SUBJECT SPENT OVER FOUR HOURS AT LAURI DRESS COMPANY, BRONX. SPOT CHECK SUBJECT'S HOME REFLECTS HE IS NOT CURRENTLY USING HIS CADILLAC TRAVELING TO AND FROM HIS EMPLOYMENT. SPOT CHECKS OF JOSEPH LUCHESE AND ASSOCIATES FAILED TO DEVELOP ANY SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY REGARDING GAMBLING OPERATIONS. INFORMANTS STILL CONTINUING TO ATTEMPT TO LOCATE EXACT ADDRESSES OF GAMBLING PLANTS USED BY THESE INDIVIDUALS.

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (92-665)

THOMAS LUCHESE AKA DAILY TELETYPE SUMMARY.

PATROLMAN [REDACTED] NYCPD, ADVISED SUBJECT CONTINUES TO  
VISIT LAURI DRESS COMPANY, BRONX, FOR LONG PERIODS EACH DAY.

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT [REDACTED]  
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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (92-665)

THOMAS LUCHESE AKA AR. DAILY TELETYPE SUMMARY. SPOT  
CHECK SUBJECT'S ACTIVITIES REFLECTS SUBJECT CONTINUES  
TO VISIT LAURI DRESS COMPANY, BRONX. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] FEAST OF SAN GENNARO, PATRON OF NAPLES,  
ITALY PRESENTLY BEING CELEBRATED LOWER EAST SIDE, NYC. IN DASH  
FORMANTS HAVE STATED IN PAST THAT HOODLUMS AND RACKETEERS  
PARTICIPATE IN CONTROL OF CELEBRATION AND PROFITS. SCENE  
VISITED BY AGENTS OF NYO, BUT KNOWN HOODLUMS NOT OBSERVED  
IN AREA.

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THOMAS LUCHESE AKA; AR. DAILY TELETYPE SUMMARY.  ADVISED THAT 

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FROM: SAC, NY (92-665)

THOMAS LUCHESE AKA AR. DAILY TELETYPE SUMMARY. AUSA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SDNY REQUESTED CONFERENCE FOR THURSDAY,  
SEPTEMBER TWENTY EIGHT NEXT. [REDACTED] STATES HE IS CONTEMPLATING[REDACTED] SPOT CHECKS SUBJECT'S ACTIVITIES  
DETERMINED HE CONTINUES TO BE SEEN AT LAURI DRESS COMPANY,  
BRONX, NEW YORK.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2878)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (92-665)

THOMAS LUCHESE AKA AR. DAILY TELETYPE SUMMARY. SPOT  
CHECK FRANK CAMPANELLO REFLECTS HE CONTACTED SEVERAL  
PERSONS FOREST LANDSCAPING COMPANY, CORONA, INFORMANTS  
ADVISE [REDACTED] SPOT CHECKS  
SUBJECTS HOME REFLECT NO PERTINENT ACTIVITY. AUTOMOBILE  
REGISTERED TO [REDACTED] OBSERVED AT ISLAND PARK  
STATION OF LIRR. FORD REGISTERED TO SUBJECT'S WIFE  
UNOBSERVED FOR SEVERAL WEEKS. PATROLMAN [REDACTED]  
ADVISED SUBJECT CONTINUES TO APPEAR AT LAURI DRESS COMPANY,  
BRONX. [REDACTED] ADVISES THAT [REDACTED]

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (92-665)

THOMAS LUCHESE AKA; ANTI-RACKETEERING. AUSA [REDACTED]

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IT IS TO BE NOTED

THAT IN SPOT CHECKS OF JOSEPH LUCHESE IT HAS BEEN NOTED THAT  
HE DRIVES A NINETEEN HUNDRED AND SIXTY ONE FORD REGISTERED  
TO BENEDETTI REALTY COMPANY.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-28,8)  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (92-665)  
THOMAS LUCHESE, AKA, AR DAILY TELETYPE SUMMARY. INFORMATION FROM NYCPD REFLECTS FRANK CAMPANELLO, AKA FRANKIE BELL WAS ARRESTED BY THE CONFIDENTIAL SQUAD ALONG WITH SEVENTY TWO OTHER GAMBLERS IN A RAID ON A FLOATING CRAP GAME AT SIXTY FOUR EAST SEVENTH STREET, NYC. CAMPANELLO CHARGED WITH VAGRANCY AND RELEASED. CAMPANELLO ONE OF THREE INDIVIDUALS SO CHARGED BECAUSE HE IS KNOWN GAMBLER, ALSO ARRESTED WITH CAMPANELLO WAS JOSEPH SILESI, AKA JOE RIVERS, A KNOWN GAMBLER. SPOT CHECKS HOME OF SUBJECT REFLECTS NO PERTINENT ACTIVITY. SUBJECT CONTINUES TO APPEAR AT NAVARRO DRESS COMPANY AND LAURI DRESS COMPANY, BRONX. INFORMANT REPORTS THAT [REDACTED]

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TO: DIRECTOR (92-2878)

FROM: SAC NEW YORK (92-665)

THOMAS LUCHESE AKA AR. DAILY TELETYPE SUMMARY. SPOT CHECKS  
FRANK CAMPANELLO AKA FRANK BELL REFLECTS HE SPENDS CONSIDERABLE  
TIME AT FOREST LANDSCAPING CORPORATION, CORONA. NOT KNOWN AT  
THIS TIME HIS CONTACTS AT THIS LOCATION. SUBJECT CONTINUES TO  
APPEAR AT LAURI DRESS COMPANY ON A DAILY BASIS. SPOT CHECKS  
CLUB CHARLES, CORONA, FAILED TO REFLECT ANY ACTIVITY OF SUBJECT  
OR MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY.

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SALVATORE SHILLITANI AKA SALLY SHIELDS REPORTED  
"BUTTON" IN LUCHESE "FAMILY" INTERVIEWED BY BUAGENTS. ADVISES  
DOES NOT KNOW LUCHESE. NOT IN LUCHESE "FAMILY". IS LEGITIMATE  
AND IN THE SALE PROMOTION LINE, HOWEVER, WOULD NOT DIVULGE  
WHOM HE WORKS FOR. STATED HE KNEW JOSEPH VALACHI AS A "KID"  
AND SAW HIM LAST IN NINETEEN TWENTY FIVE. NEVER HEARD OF "COSA  
NOSTRA" EXCEPT WHAT HE READ IN PAPERS RECENTLY. STATES AGAINST  
PRINCIPLES OF "COSA NOSTRA" AND AGREES WITH FBI STAND ON CRIME.  
HOWEVER, STATED WOULD NOT DIVULGE ANY INFORMATION IN HIS  
POSSESSION TO FBI SINCE HE HAS NONE TO OFFER AS HE IS LAW  
ABIDING AND STRICTLY LEGITIMATE.

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (92-665)  
SUBJECT: THOMAS LUCHESE AKA  
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RE CARMINE TRAMUNTI; ITAR DASH GAMBLING. 

INTERVIEWED; YESTERDAY ADVISED HE WILL NOT APPEAL  
FOR REDUCTION OF SENTENCE FOR CONTEMPT IN SUPPLYING ADDITIONAL  
INFO RE DICE GAME. INSISTED HE DID NOT KNOW WHO RAN GAME.  
STATED WILL PROCEED WITH APPEAL ON CONTEMPT CITATION.

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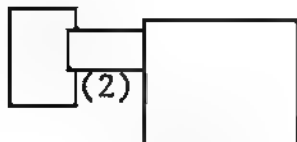
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Information is submitted to the  
U.S. District Court to revoke the naturalization of [redacted]  
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To: SAC, New York (92-665)

From: Director, FBI (92-2878)

THOMAS LUCHESE  
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There are enclosed herewith two copies of a memorandum of August 12, 1963, from [redacted] Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice, containing an analysis of the denaturalization and deportation case of this subject. This memorandum should be closely studied and during the course of investigation of Luchese, efforts should be made to obtain the necessary evidence in support of a denaturalization suit.

As you are aware, this subject as a leading member of the "commission" of Cosa Nostra is one of the most powerful hoodlums in the United States. Therefore, the investigation concerning him is one of the most important investigations now being conducted by the FBI.

Compared to the investigation of most other "commission" members, a relatively poor showing has been made in penetrating this subject or his "family." This comparatively poor showing is particularly true with reference to the lack of [redacted]

Close attention should be given to this case with a careful analysis being made of what is known of the subject, his activities and his associates and thereafter the investigation directed in such a manner that will successfully remedy the poor showing that has been made to date. Sufficient man power should be assigned to make sure that we have better coverage.

Within ten days of the date of this communication, you should advise the Bureau in detail as to your plans to more successfully develop information concerning Luchese and his "family."

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REPORTING OFFICE <b>NEW YORK</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE <b>8/20/63</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>5/28-8/13/63</b>
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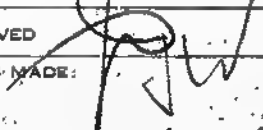
Original and one copy of a letterhead memorandum characterizing the informants used in instant report.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

On 8/1/63, it was ascertained that NYCPD Patrolman  formerly assigned to the area of 821 East 160th Street, Bronx, NY, which is the location of the subject's dress factory, had

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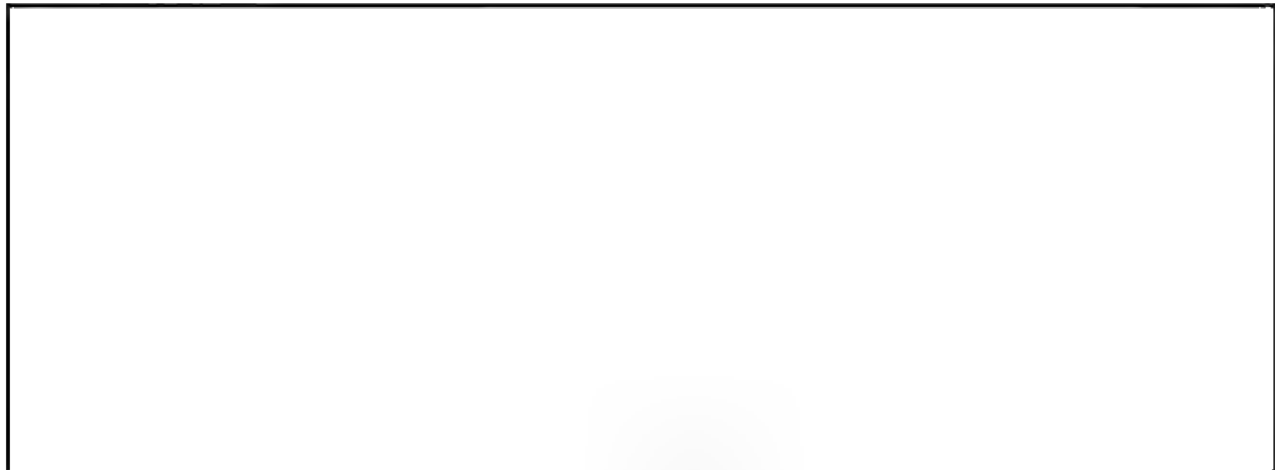
It is to be noted that  had in the past been extremely cooperative with this office in advising of the subject's daily contacts at his dress factory in the Bronx.

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Information was received on a confidential  
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Information was received at the NYO concerning the possibility of a "commission" meeting to take place in New York on 7/14/63. As a result of this information, the NYO instituted discreet coverage in the vicinity of the heads of the various families located in New York, one family being that headed by the subject, THOMAS LUCHESE. In addition to the above spot checks were conducted throughout the day at possible locations in New York where the meeting could occur.

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Regarding THOMAS IUCHESE, the spot check at his residence revealed visitors arriving and departing from his home; however, no significant individuals were identified at this residence. Furthermore, due to the location of the IUCHESE home a discreet distance had to be maintained from which observations were being made. However, no information was developed indicating an alleged meeting of hoodlums at this residence.

On 5/13/63, [redacted] advised that [redacted]

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INFORMANTS

Identity of Source

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At New York, New York

1. Will continue to follow and report activities of subject.

2. Will attempt to further identify and obtain information re the LUCHESE "family" and their activities.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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Bureau File #:

92-2879

Title:

THOMAS LUCHESE

Character:

ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

Subject continues to reside at 74 Royat St., Lido Beach, LI, NY. Subject continues to appear at his dress factory, Bronx, NY. No prosecution pending re subject's INS case on expatriation due to criminal record. Subject met with RAYMOND PATRIARCA in NY on 5/28/63. Additional information re members of LUCHESE "family" set forth.

DETAILS:I PERSONAL HISTORY  
AND BACKGROUNDA. Residence

Subject continues to reside at 74 Royat Street, Lido Beach, Long Island, New York.

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Throughout the period of this report spot checks were conducted several times each week at the subject's residence by Special Agents of the New York Office. Subject was observed on a regular basis at his residence early in the morning or late in the evening.

B. Immigration and Naturalization  
Service (INS) Procedures

It is to be noted that the INS was attempting to have the subject expatriated due to his past criminal record consisting specifically of one arrest the subject had some 30 odd years ago.

On July 22, 1963, [redacted] INS, New York City, advised that the INS had completed their investigation on the subject and had forwarded the results of this investigation to the INS Regional Headquarters in Burlington, Vermont. [redacted] advised that if prosecution were considered favorable by the Burlington Office that office would in turn have forwarded the results of the investigation to the Justice Department in Washington, D.C. He further advised that if the Justice Department then felt that the chances of a favorable prosecution were good they in turn would return the case to the Eastern District of New York for assignment and prosecution. [redacted] advised that when these contingencies by Burlington and Washington occur and the file is returned to the Eastern District of New York, the Eastern District of New York would then contact his office relative to this prosecution. [redacted] stated that the Eastern District of New York had not contacted him and he therefore assumed that the matter had been closed and that no prosecution was pending against the subject.

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On July 22, 1963, Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) [redacted] Eastern District of New York, advised that there is no current matter pending in the Eastern District of New York against the subject. He stated that a review of his files reflects that the INS case against the subject had been closed in his office.

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## II LEGITIMATE ENTERPRISES

Throughout the period of this report spot checks were made at the subject's place of business, 821 East 160th Street, Bronx, New York, by Special Agents of the New York Office. The subject was observed on a regular basis at this dress factory during regular working hours. No significant contacts were noted on these occasions.

On July 24, 1963, a pretext interview was conducted at the subject's place of business, the Bronx, New York, resulting in information that the subject was busy with the payroll each Wednesday traveling to the bank and his other dress factories in New York, New York.

## III CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES AND ASSOCIATES

The New York Office was in receipt of information that RAYMOND PATRIARCA of Providence, Rhode Island, is possibly traveling to New York, New York on June 28, 1963. In connection with this information the following investigation was conducted by agents of the New York Office.

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At approximately 3:37 p.m. RAYMOND PATRIARCA was observed in the vicinity of the Grand Central Terminal Building exit on 42nd Street, New York City, entering a green and white Checker Taxicab, bearing New York License number 014328. The cab, with PATRIARCA in it, headed west on East 42nd Street to Sixth Avenue and then turned and went north to the vicinity of West 55th Street and Sixth Avenue. At this point the cab stopped at the side entrance of the Park Sheraton Hotel.

At approximately 4:45 p.m. PATRIARCA was observed seated at a table located in the northwest corner of the dining area of Patsy's Italian Restaurant, 236 West 56th Street, New York City. Seated at the same table with PATRIARCA was an individual identified as THOMAS LUCHESE and a second individual, identified as a white male who was wearing horn-rimmed glasses, had dark colored hair, was wearing a dark colored suit, and was approximately mid or late 40s in age. The three individuals when observed appeared to be in conversation with one another.

At approximately 5:58 p.m. RAYMOND PATRIARCA was observed on the northeast corner of 56th Street and Eighth Avenue, New York City, where he unsuccessfully attempted to hail a taxicab, and thereupon walked east on 56th Street on the north side of the street, to the vicinity of the Park Sheraton Hotel, where he entered a green and white Checker Taxicab. The taxicab, with PATRIARCA in it, proceeded to the Grand Central Terminal, New York City, arriving there at approximately 6:15 p.m. PATRIARCA left the taxicab, and entered the Grand Central Terminal Building at the Vanderbilt Street entrance.

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At approximately 3:30 p.m. RAYMOND PATRIARCA was observed emerging from Track 21 at Grand Central Terminal, New York City. PATRIARCA proceeded through the terminal heading for an exit from the terminal on East 42nd Street.

Approximately two minutes later the subject was observed in front of the Grand Central Terminal on East 42nd Street, where he entered a green and white Checker Taxicab bearing New York License number 014328. The cab, with PATRIARCA in it, headed west on East 42nd Street to Sixth Avenue, and turned and went north to the vicinity of West 55th Street and Sixth Avenue. At this point the cab stopped at the side entrance of the Park Sheraton Hotel.

At approximately 5:55 p.m. PATRIARCA was observed emerging from Patsy's Italian Restaurant, 236 West 56th Street, New York City. PATRIARCA then headed for Eighth Avenue, walking along West 56th Street. Approximately five minutes later two individuals were observed departing from Patsy's Italian Restaurant walking east towards Broadway. One of these individuals was THOMAS LUCHESE. The other individual with LUCHESE was described as being white, male, approximately 45 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches tall, about 160 pounds, medium complexion, dark hair, and wearing a light blue or white shirt, and a white straw hat with a black band.

Both LUCHESE and the above-described individual walked south on Broadway to West 53rd Street, where both entered a green and yellow cab bearing New York License number 029506. The cab then proceeded south on Broadway.

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At approximately 3:33 p.m. RAYMOND PATRIARCA was identified to SA [ ] by SA [ ] of the Boston Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation as PATRIARCA was emerging from Track 21, Grand Central Terminal, New York City. PATRIARCA proceeded through the terminal and exited from the terminal at East 42nd Street.

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At approximately 3:37 p.m. PATRIARCA was observed entering a taxicab at the southern exit of the Grand Central Terminal located on East 42nd Street. This taxicab was a green and white Checker taxicab bearing 1963 New York License number 014328. The taxicab, with PATRIARCA in it, proceeded west on East 42nd Street to Avenue of the Americas, turned north, and proceeded along this avenue to West 55th Street, where it made a left-hand turn, and proceeded west on West 55th Street. The taxicab stopped in front of the West 55th Street entrance to the Park Sheraton Hotel at approximately 3:55 p.m. and PATRIARCA was observed departing from this taxicab and entering the hotel.

At approximately 4:07 p.m. PATRIARCA was observed leaving the above-mentioned hotel through the bar entrance at this hotel, which is located on West 55th Street, and proceed east on 55th Street to Seventh Avenue, where he turned and headed north.

At approximately 5:55 p.m. PATRIARCA was observed emerging from Patsy's Italian Restaurant, 236 West 56th Street, New York City, and proceed east on West 56th Street. At approximately 5:57 p.m., two individuals were observed departing from Patsy's Italian Restaurant, walk east towards Broadway, and one of these individuals was identified as THOMAS LUCHESE. The other individual with LUCHESE was described as white, male, approximately 45 to 50 years old, 5 feet 7 inches tall, approximately 160 to 170 pounds, dark complexion, dark hair, and wearing a dark suit and a white straw hat. Both LUCHESE and the above-described individual walked south on Broadway.

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At approximately 6:00 p.m. PATRIARCA was observed walking east on West 56th Street on the south side of 56th Street, passing Patsy's Italian Restaurant, and proceeding to the vicinity of the Park Sheraton Hotel on West 56th Street and Seventh Avenue, where he entered a green and white Checker taxicab. The taxicab, with PATRIARCA in it, proceeded east on West 56th Street to Madison Avenue, turned right, and proceeded south on Madison Avenue to West 44th Street, turned left on 46th Street to Vanderbilt Street, turned right on Vanderbilt Street and proceeded to the Grand Central Terminal entrance located at Vanderbilt Avenue and 43rd Street. PATRIARCA was observed departing from this taxicab and entering the Grand Central Terminal entrance mentioned above, at 6:15 p.m.

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NY T-1 advised that [REDACTED]



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The following is the result of an interview with ANTHONY VIDALA also known as TONY GRIO previously reported as a member of the LUCHESE "family".

Date 7/29/63

ANTHONY VIDALA CHIO advised that he has been in the printing business for 22 or 23 years, and is currently doing business at 309 Lafayette Street under the trade name of Ori-o-Press. He advised that his true name is ANTHONY VIDALA, but that he has had his name legally changed to ANTHONY VIDAL CHIO. He further stated that he resides at 60 Mulbe Drive, Mulbe, Queens, New York, and has lived there for a number of years.

When asked if he is acquainted with JAMES DOUGHERTY, CHIO became very hostile, and stated that he would answer no further questions, until he had had the opportunity to speak to his attorney, former United States Congressman ALFRED SANTAGUIDA, 230 Broadway, New York City.

On 7/24/63 at 309 Lafayette Street, New York City File # NY 32-2764  
by SAS [redacted] and [redacted] Date dictated 7/29/63

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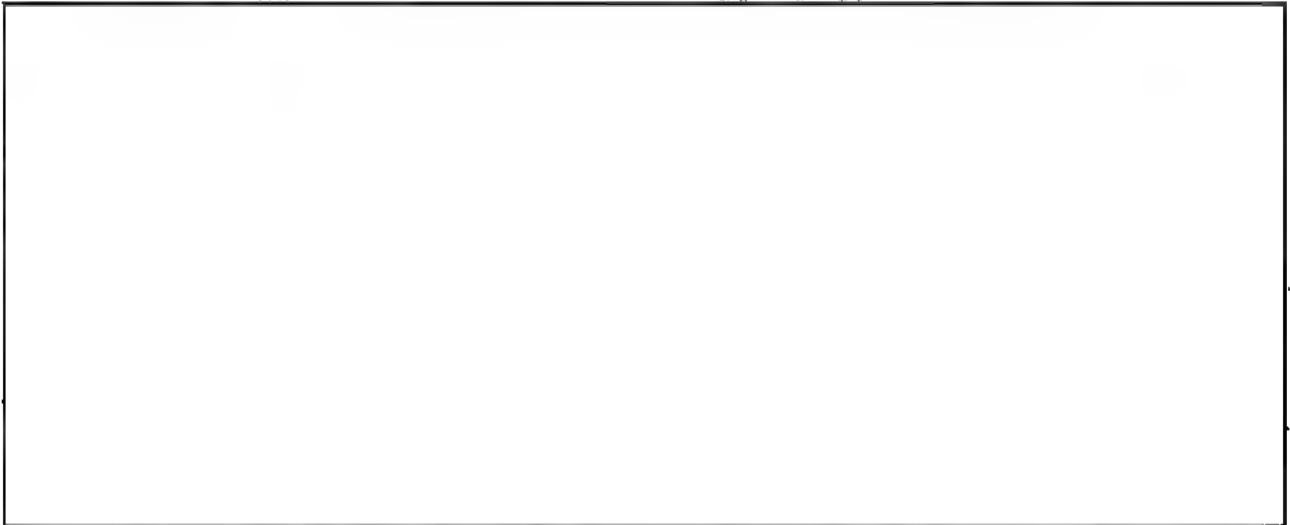
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NY T-3 advised on June 21 and 25, 1963, that

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On August 6, 1963, SALVATORE SHILLITANI, also known as SALLY SHIELDS, was interviewed by Bureau Agents at his residence in New York, New York. SHIELDS advised that he did not know the subject, THOMAS LUCHESE, nor was he in the LUCHESE "family". He stated that he was in legitimate business in the sales promotion line. However, he would not divulge who he works for. He stated he never heard of "Cosa Nostra", except what he has read in the papers recently. He stated he was against the principles of "Cosa Nostra" and that he agrees with the Federal Bureau of Investigation's stand against crime and criminals. He stated, however, that he would not divulge any information in his possession to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, since he has none to offer, as he is a law-abiding citizen and strictly legitimate.

NY T-4 advised on June 25, 1963, that the



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NY T-5 advised on June 3, 1963 that [redacted]

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It is to be noted that in the past the subject and his brother JOSEPH LUCHESE had been reported to hang out at the [redacted] Scrap Iron Company, 126-80 Willets Point Boulevard, Corona, New York. In this connection [redacted] was interviewed the results of which are as follows:

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[redacted] was advised that he did not have to furnish any information and any information he did so, be used against him in a court of law. He was also advised that he had the right to an attorney.

[redacted] was interviewed at his place of business the Elipeto Point Term, Iron and Baling Corporation, 12-11 Elipeto Point Boulevard, Queens, New York. He advised that until recently he resided at [redacted] and is presently residing at [redacted]

He stated that he [redacted] and [redacted] is presently living with his two children [redacted] at the above [redacted] advised he is presently married to the former [redacted] and they both reside at the above [redacted] address.

[redacted] stated that due to the location of his business, which is in the area of the World's Fair site and the new Shea's Stadium, the land will be condemned by the city and he will probably move the business within the next year to some other location in Queens. He stated that he presently owns one quarter of the stock of Sorrento's Restaurant, 98-18 Roosevelt Avenue, Queens.

He stated that he owned the above restaurant in 1962 when he took in [redacted] as a partner but in the same year bought out [redacted] interest and took in [redacted] from the Bronx as a partner. He advised that shortly thereafter [redacted] bought him out and then [redacted] sold the restaurant to three former waiters named [redacted] and [redacted]

[redacted] stated that he does not know any gamblers nor has he any knowledge of any gambling activity. He stated the only gambling he does is to bet on the horses a few times a year at the track.

On 1/11/61 at Queens, Queens, NY File # 100-111111  
by [redacted] Date dictated 1/11/61

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He stated he has never been arrested and to prove this point displayed a pistol permit saying "I would not get this if I was ever arrested". The permit was number [redacted] issued by the 110th Precinct, New York City Police Department on February 5, 1953 to [redacted] for a [redacted]

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[redacted] stated he knew FRANK CAMPANELLO inasmuch as he [redacted] and [redacted] FRANK's [redacted] went to school together when they lived in the [redacted] area of New York City. He advised that FRANK CAMPANELLO is in the landscaping business.

[redacted] advised he knew JOE NARROWS because NARROWS is in the Scrap Metal business with [redacted]

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[redacted] stated he heard of the LUCHESE "family" through reading the newspapers. He advised that he has no knowledge of any of the above persons being in violation of the law as gamblers or in any other manner.



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

August 20, 1963

Title

Thomas Luchese

Character

Anti-Racketeering

Reference

is made to the report of Special  
Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as  
above at New York.

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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities  
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable  
information in the past.

New York, New York

June 10, 1966

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as above.

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Set out below are characterizations of informants utilized in referenced report.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2878)

8/23/63

SAC, NEW YORK (92-665)

THOMAS LUCHESE  
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As the head of the most closely-knit "family" in the NY area, LUCHESE has, over the years, insulated himself from direct connections with any of the various criminal activities that members of his "family" operate under his direction. In addition, the subject appears to be the most highly respected "boss" of a "family" in the NY area, and is known for the benevolent manner in which he treats the various members of his "family".

LUCHESE has received more intensive investigation by various agencies of the US Government than any other current member of the "Commission". Despite this activity during the past twenty-five years, attempts to develop a substantive case against the subject have been unsuccessful. In addition, the subject has been in a top position for a longer period of time than other members of the "Commission", it being noted that most reliable informant information has indicated

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Therefore, the NYO is of the opinion that, in view of the above described situation, the investigative time of sufficient personnel assigned to this case should be directed at [REDACTED]

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As the Bureau is aware, many efforts have been made in the past to develop productive highly confidential sources [REDACTED] a source of this nature was developed [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Prior to this, intensive investigation had indicated that various members of the LUCHESE "family" were frequenting the Willets Point Section of Corona in Queens, NY, and, as a result, surveys were conducted at the Forest Landscaping Company and the [REDACTED] Scrap Iron Company in this area. These locations were frequented by [REDACTED] and FRANK CAMPANELLO, as well as other close associates of the subject. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

At the present time there are approximately fifty cases being worked in the LUCHESE "family". These cases will be reviewed to determine the possibilities that may exist for [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Greater efforts will be made by the sufficient manpower that will be assigned, in order to achieve these ends, and the Bureau will be kept advised of productive developments in this regard.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (92-665)

DATE: 9/18/63

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: THOMAS LUCHESE aka  
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On 9/17/63, the writer conferred with [REDACTED]  
Departmental Attorney, Organized Crime and Racketeering Section.

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[REDACTED] advised that he had recently been assigned in Washington, D.C. to coordinate the LUCHESE "family". He stated that he had been reviewing the LUCHESE file, and commented on the thoroughness of the investigation that had been conducted on him so far. He stated that after visiting this office he was going to visit the NY office of the Internal Revenue Service and check on what investigation was being conducted by them concerning THOMAS and JOSEPH LUCHESE. He indicated that he was not thoroughly familiar with the LUCHESE case, and was taking the opportunity to discuss the matter with this office.

[REDACTED] was given the general background information on LUCHESE and various members of this "family", and was told that this office is pursuing this matter in all phases, in order to ascertain if any violations of the Federal law are being committed by LUCHESE or his associates.

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# 3-Finger Brown Sez His Hands Are Lily White

By HARRY SCHLEGEL  
Disturbed by all that Cosa  
Nostra stuff he has been reading  
recently, Thomas (Three-Finger  
Brown) Lucchese, who rates  
very big in the  
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dropped in un-  
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terious."



Thomas  
Lucchese  
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by this soft disclaimer during a  
two-hour chat in his Nassau of-  
fice, Kahn pulled the sheet on the  
pudgy, 64-year-old hood and found  
all his record.

## He's Indignant

Lucchese was indignant over  
reports that he has taken over  
the old Joe Profaci mob in Brook-  
lyn. "I hardly ever get to Brook-  
lyn; in fact I get lost in Brook-  
lyn," he said.

Lucchese, who lives at 74 Regent  
St. in high-priced Lido Beach,  
admitted he makes \$100,000 a  
year from three open-shop dress  
firms in the Bronx. And the rea-  
son the employer don't organize  
is that "I treat them too good."

As for reputed membership in  
Cosa Nostra, Lucchese was shocked  
and said he only belongs to the Knights  
of Columbus, he said.

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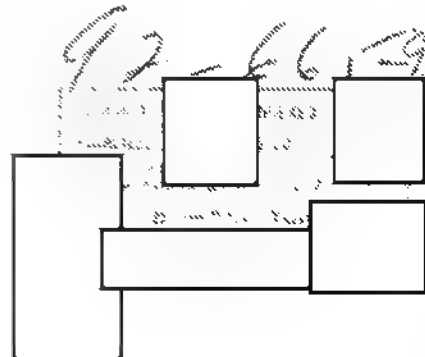
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and other rackets while two Italian-speaking DA's men eavesdropped.

#### He's a Knight of Columbus

"Valachi's crazy," Luchese told Cahn during the hour-long interview. "I know nothing about the Cosa Nostra. I only belong to the Knights of Columbus."

Luchese, who lives in a \$50,000 house in Lido Beach, said he had known Valachi for a long time, "mostly through his wife, because her father was a good friend of mine."

Cahn asked Luchese about reports that he has control over some of the rackets in Brooklyn, now that his old friend and associate, Joseph Profaci, is dead.

"If I ever went into Brooklyn I'd get lost," Luchese said.

#### Keeps Diary for Protection

Luchese came well prepared to prove he was an honest man, who "leaves the house 7:30 every morning to go to work and doesn't come home till after 9," as he said himself. He showed Cahn a daily diary he keeps of his every movement.

"It's the only way I can protect myself from nonsense like this," Luchese said. "Anything they accuse me of, I been innocent."

"He's a very serious fellow," Cahn said. "When he talks about his family tears almost come to his eyes."

His family includes a son who went to West Point and a daughter married to the son of Carlo Gambino, an Apalachin delegate who Valachi says is also a top Cosa Nostra figure.

"If I ever do anything wrong, come and get me," Luchese said as he was leaving.

# Racketeer? Me? Nonsense, 3-Finger Brown Tells DA

## Vito, Valachi 'Nice Fellows'

Reputed underworld kingpin Thomas "Three-Finger Brown" Luchese checked his personal diary to see whether there were any notes about his being a gangster.

Finding nothing there about such goings on, Luchese strolled into the office of Nassau County Dist. Atty William Kahn yesterday to disclaim any knowledge about the swan song being waxed by crime syndicate in-former Joe Valachi.

After all, reasoned Luchese, if he had done anything shady, such as attending a recent conference of gangsters, he would have put it down in his diary. Wouldn't he?

### KNOWS VALACHI

The Nassau DA said Luchese walked in for a "neighborly chat," and admitted that he knew Valachi, but only through Mrs. Valachi, who lived in Lido Beach, L. I., as does Luchese.

The reputed syndicate VIP, whose rap sheet lists two murder charges and a grand larceny charge, also agreed that he occasionally met underworld lords like Vito Genovese and Frank Costello.

"Nice fellows," said Three-Finger. "I don't believe the things I read about them in the newspapers."

As to whether Luchese took over the Brooklyn rackets when Joe Profaci died, Three-Finger declared, "I would get lost in Brooklyn."

### CAN'T RECALL KILLINGS

In fact, he went on, he was "never mixed up with anything illegal in my life," but is a businessman making \$100,000 a year from four dress shops he operates in Manhattan and the Bronx.

Those murder charges? He couldn't remember who got killed.

His dress shops are fine there is no union "because I treat them too good."

Dist. Atty. Kahn, who recently conferred with the Justice Dept. in Washington about disclosures being made by Valachi, said Luchese is one of about 50 top gangsters living on Long Island.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (92-665 )

DATE: 8/17/63

FROM : SA [redacted]  
[redacted]

SUBJECT: THOMAS LUCHESE  
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On 8/17/63, SA [redacted] advised that autos bearing the following New York License numbers were observed in the vicinity of the subject's Lido Beach, Point Lookout, L. I., N.Y., residence:

(Gotham) VV 6381 (observed in driveway of subject's residence)  
✓ 465 BB (observed in driveway of subject's residence)



BMV, NYC was telephonically contacted on 8/17/63, and it was learned that the two autos that were in the subject's driveway are listed to the following individuals:

VV 6381 is listed to Gotham Auto Lease Inc., 719 Main Street,  
New Rochelle, N.Y.

465 BB is listed to Gun Hill Building Supply Corp., 3485 Newell St.,  
Bronx, New York.

SA [redacted] also advised that NY 6V2174 was obtained on an auto parked at the residence TOM GAMBINO, 82 Pine Huzzo, LI, NY.

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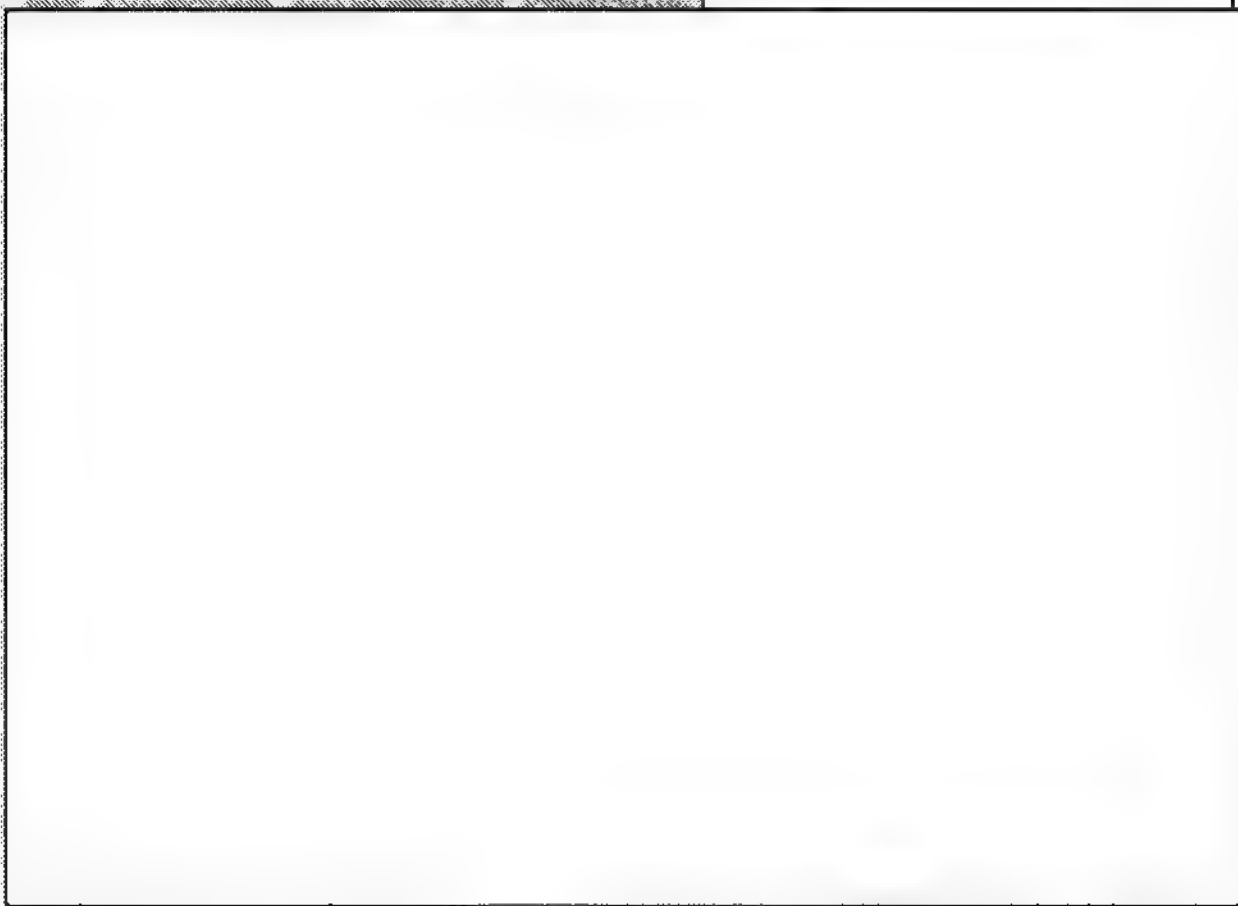
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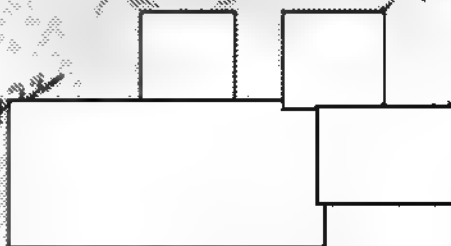
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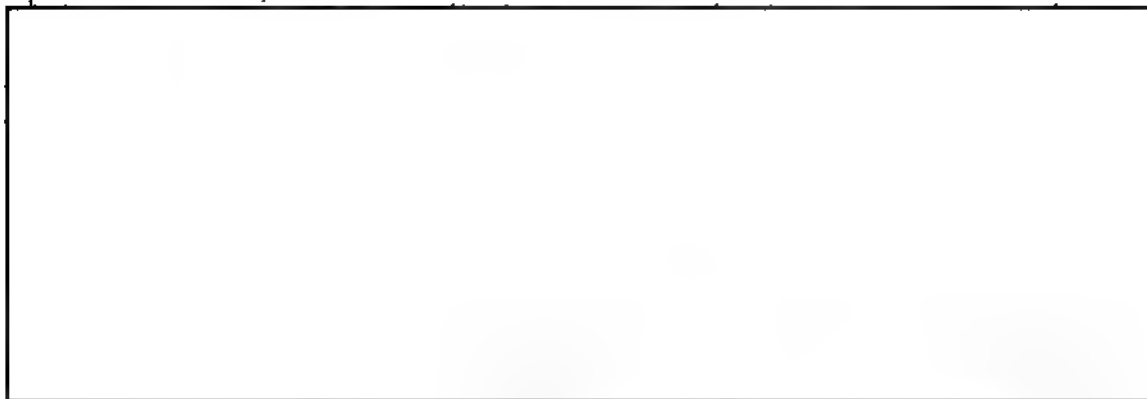
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The informant advised that any new information that he ascertains regarding [redacted] he will immediately furnish to the NYO of the FBI.

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Date: 9/26/63

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Via AIRTEL  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2710)  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (92-638)  
SUBJECT: JOSEPH BONANNO aka  
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Re New York airtel, 9/16/63.

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PD NY NY	Thomas Luckese #B-68834	9-8-30	homicide	dism 2-26-31
PD Cleveland Ohio	Thomas Luckese #--	7-4-31	inv	7-4-31 rol
PD NY NY	Thomas Arra #B-68834	inquiry 10-12-32		
AR	Gaetano Lucchese #5073829	alien regis 12-16-40		
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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	NYC as Thomas Luchese 10-2-21 GL (auto); sent 3-27-22 Suffolk Co - rec 3-28-22 3 yrs 8 mos to 10 yrs on chg of GL 1st deg - par 12-13-24 - delinq 9-30-27 8-30-27 as Thom. Arra NYC crim rec stolen goods; 8-31-27 disch			

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSAL
	<p>WANTED BY BUREAU: Thomas Lucase (charge not known)  Notify BFD New York NY and Fug Sup'v Off Div Six Bureau  per inf rec by phone from the latter 11-20-52.  NO LONGER WANTED Per Bureau memo dated 12-1-52.  (Located 11-28-52 Bu Agts NY NY).</p> <p>WANTED BY BUREAU: Thomas Luckese, was., Thomas Luchese,  Three Finger Brown, Gaetano Lucchese, Thomas Luckese,  Tommy Brown, Thomas Arra Fug Index #34047 Bu File  #62-(not given) C.O. New York, New York per inf rec  11-21-52. NO LONGER WANTED: Per Bureau memo dated 12-1-52.  (Located 11-28-52 Bu Agts NY NY).</p> <p>FLASH BY BUREAU: Thomas Luchese was., Thomas Luckese,  Three Finger Brown, Any information or inquiry received  notify BFD New York their file #92-665 per inf rec  therefrom 12-10-57</p>			
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT  
MEMORANDUM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (92-632 Sub D)

SUBJECT: CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM  
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Date: 10/7/63

ReBulet to Albany dated 9/10/63.

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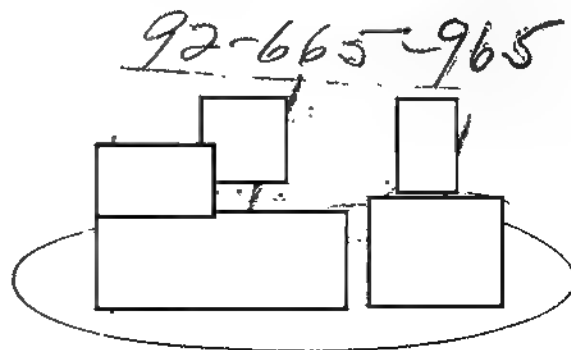
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GIGANTE, MARIO	
GRAFFAGNINO, SALVATORE	92-6734
GUIGA, LOUIS CHARLES	92-6951
LAIETTA, GERARD	92-5040
LANZA, JOSEPH A.	92-2911
LANZIERI, EDWARD	92-6903
LOMBARDI, THOMAS JAMES	92-6970
LOMBARDO, PHILIP	
LOMBARDOZZI, CARMINI	92-2908
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MIRANDA, BARNEY	
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MONACO, FELIX JOSEPH	92-7015
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STROLLO, ANTHONY	92-2718
TIERI, FRANK	92-6246
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TROPANO, GEORGE	92-6819

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It is to be noted that all photographs more than three years old submitted herein have been determined to be a good likeness of the subject. However, continuing efforts will be made to obtain more current photos in each instance,

Photographs of the following subjects have not been submitted because (1) available photograph dated and not determined to be a good likeness; (2) no photograph available through logical sources at NY.

<u>Subject</u>	<u>NY File #</u>	<u>Bufile #</u>
FRANK ERICKSON	92-653	92-2867
ALEX DI BRIZZI	92-655	92-2865
NICK RATTENNI	92-679	92-2910
JOSEPH CATALDO	92-1120	92-3948
STEPHEN LA SALLA	92-1979	92-5717
GEORGE RIZZO	92-2473	
DOMINICK DE QUARTO	92-2560	162-857
JAMES CLEMENZA	92-2597	
ERNIE DE VITO	92-2604	
ALBERT DE STEFANO	92-2717	92-6822
THOMAS DE BELLA	92-2723	92-6611
ANTONIO MAGLIOCCO	92-2726	92-6797
AMBROSE MAGLIOCCO	92-2727	92-6798
SALVATORE IMPERIALE	92-2732	92-6704
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SALVATORE CICCONE	92-2763	92-6660

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EDWARD DE CURTIS	92-2913	"
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NICK CARPENTIERI	92-2950	"
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The following subjects of investigation at NY have not been identified to date:

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JOHN RUSSO	92-2967

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# The Five Lords Of the Underworld

## 2. THOMAS LUCHESE

By ANTHONY SCADUTO

LAST AUGUST, after the Justice Dept. revealed that underworld informer Joe Valachi had named Thomas Luchese as head of one of the five Cosa Nostra "families" in New York, the conservatively dressed little mobster, who fancies himself a business man and a family man, walked into Nassau County District Attorney Cahn's office with his lawyer.

"There's been a lot of publicity about me," he said, "and since I live in your county I thought you might want to talk to me."

Cahn, trying to hide his surprise, said he would be happy to discuss things with Luchese, but the talk was something less than a confessional.

"Valachi's crazy," Luchese began. "I know nothing about any Cosa Nostra. Never heard of it. The only thing I belong to is the Knights of Columbus."

Luchese, who has long been stuck with the nickname "Three-Finger Brown," said that other reports over the years that he is a bigtime crime baron have also been false. "I make \$100,000 a year with my dress factories," he told Cahn. "I leave the house 7:30 every morning and don't get home until after 9 at night. I'm a hardworking, respectable business man and Valachi is a liar."

In one manner or another the 65-year-old Sicilian-born racketeer has been saying the same thing for many years. And, though he has been one of the most frequently investigated mob chieftains in underworld history, he has had an uncanny immunity from prosecution.

The secret behind the two faces of Thomas Luchese and, to a lesser extent, of the heads of the 11 other families in the national crime cartel, is "insulation." As Deputy Chief Inspector John F. Shanley, commander of the Criminal Investigation Bureau, put it in testimony before the Senate Rackets Committee last week:

"The top ranks of these families seldom become involved in crimes in such a manner that would subject them to embarrassment, much less arrest. Their personal conduct is free of obvious misdeeds. Social associations (with working 'soldiers') are generally very restricted, and contact with actual lawbreakers is nonexistent. The strongest insulation is supplied by a philosophy which permeates the group—that the boss must be protected. This philosophy gives the strongest protection to the hierarchy of these infamous families. And it is a philosophy which has produced 30 years of silence, (Valachi) being the only one who dared abandon the credo."

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

27 NEW YORK POST

Date: 10/15/63  
Edition: LATE CITY  
Author: ANTHONY SCADUTO  
Editor: DOROTHY SCHIFF  
Title: THOMAS LUCHESE

UNDER INVESTIGATION  
Character: AR

Classification: BU 92-2878  
Submitting Office: NYO

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**NO ONE HAS CARRIED THE PHILOSOPHY OF**  
 "insulation" quite as far as Luchese. He is seldom seen with other underworld hoodlums. While an up and coming mobster named John (Sonny) Franceze admitted to the Suffolk County DA that he had been in Luchese's home several times, Luchese was telling the Nassau DA that he had never heard of Franceze.

Each day, he is driven into Manhattan from Lido Beach by a chauffeur. He usually stops first at one of the businesses he admits owning, Sherwood Fashions at 501 Seventh Av. Occasionally, during the day, he'll visit one or all of three other garment shops he told Cahn he owns: Budget Dress Co., 462 Seventh Av., Laurie Sportswear, 821 E. 160th St., and Navaro Dress Co., 3867 Third Av., the latter two in the Bronx. He also owns dozens of other garment firms and companies in other industries.

At night he returns to his sumptuous \$100,000 ranch house on Royat St., where the neighbors do not believe the pleasant little man could possibly be a gangster. One neighbor, coming to his defense recently after the Valachi disclosures, said of Luchese: "If he's a gangster, I wish all of them were."

From the moment Luchese moved into his newly built home in 1952, he went out of his way to show his neighborliness.

He had been living on Royat St. for only several months when he heard a man down the street was

seriously ill. He went to visit him. The neighbor told Luchese that his doctor had said he could be cured quickly if he went to a famed medical clinic, but because of the waiting list it would be three months before he could get in.

Luchese, as Nassau detectives tell it, said "that's ridiculous" and picked up his neighbor's phone. He quickly dialed a number, identified himself as "Rosey," and described his neighbor's plight. Next day the man's doctor called him and said he could be taken into the clinic immediately.

Overwhelmed, the neighbor asked Luchese why he had helped him, a comparative stranger. Luchese is said to have answered: "When my family moved in, you came over and brought a loaf of bread and some salt. I know this is an old Jewish custom of wishing us luck in our new house, and I couldn't have felt better if you gave me a million dollars."

Three-Finger Brown prides himself on being a family man, and there's no doubt he has done as much as any father would for his children, given the opportunities.

His son, Robert, went to West Point—Luchese's old friend from East Harlem, the late Rep. Vito Marcantonio, made the necessary arrangements. Robert is now married, is a captain in the Air Force and lives with his family on Royat St. when he is home. Luchese's daughter, Frances, went to Vassar. Several years ago she married the son of another Cosa Nostra chief, Carlo Gambino—one of the dozens of intermarriages among children of syndicate leaders that makes the Cosa Nostra a clannish, tightly controlled group.

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**VITO MARCANTONIO WAS NOT LUCHESE'S**  
 only powerful political connection. In secret questioning before the old State Crime Commission in 1952, only a small part of which was ever made public, Luchese proudly admitted knowing judges, Con-



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gressmen, mayors and other highly placed officials. A state senator, a chief clerk in a federal prosecutor's office and other politicians went to bat for him around that time, persuading the State Parole Board to issue him a good conduct certificate so that he could vote like an ordinary good citizen.

In fact, Luchese's political power became a cause celebre during the New York mayoralty campaign of 1949, a three-sided race among insurgent Democrat Vincent Impellitteri, Tammany candidate Ferdinand Pecora and Republican Edward Corsh. At the height of the campaign Corsi dropped a bombshell—Luchese, he said, was backing Impellitteri for Mayor and had sponsored Impellitteri's first important city office, President of City Council. Impellitteri denied the charges and went on to win.

There were also reports during the time of the State Crime Commission hearings that some years earlier Luchese had expressed a preference for a man he would like to see become police commissioner—and the man became commissioner. The State Crime Commission, for reasons never disclosed, decided not to call Luchese to the stand in public hearings, and also decided not to subject him to further questioning. Accordingly, no one ever asked about Luchese's choice for police commissioner. A modest man who preferred his power not to become publicly recognized, Luchese undoubtedly would have denied it all anyway.

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**STILL, IN SPIKE OF THE EXTRAORDINARY GENTLENESS** with which he was treated by state investigators, the little exposure that did come hurt the man who kept one hand on the underworld and pressed the other into the palms of politicians. "Knowing nice people, that is the only trouble," Luchese complained at the closed-door hearings. "If I could have stood 15, 20, been better off. To meet nice people, I am only in trouble."

In spite of the dozens of investigations, not very much was known about Luchese until Joe Valachi began to talk to the FBI. Born Gaetano Thomas Luchese in Palermo on Dec. 1, 1899, he first set foot in the U. S. on Nov. 20, 1911, settled in East Harlem and went to work as a plumber's helper and machinist.

In 1919 he lost his right forefinger in a machine shop accident. It apparently soured him on a working man's life, and it led to the Three-Finger nickname. The inspiration for that came to a detective who was recording Luchese's fingerprints for posterity at a time when baseball's famed Mordecai (Three-Finger) Brown was in the news.

Luchese's only prison stretch came in 1921, when he was picked up in Riverhead, L. I.—then a rendezvous of bootleggers—and charged with possession of a stolen car. He was sentenced to three years in Sing Sing and served 25 months. In later years he was questioned in several murders, including the 1943 Election Day killing of Joseph Scottorigio, a Republican district captain in Harlem. But nothing came out of the questioning, and he was free to build his political power and his front of respectability.

Then along came Joe Valachi. It is Valachi's opinion that Tommy Brown changed the history of the underworld and became a very big man through a statesman-like doublecross. It happened in September, 1931. After a bloody 14-month gangland war Salvatore Maranzano had become the "boss of all bosses" of Cosa Nostra. To consolidate his leadership he plotted the murder of Vito Genovese and Charles (Lucky) Luciano, who led one faction in the syndicate.

Luchese was Maranzano's chief aide and he helped work out the murder plot—Genovese and Luciano would be summoned to Maranzano's office for conference, and Vincent (Mad Dog) Coll, an independent murder contractor, would gun them down, according to Valachi's testimony. Unhappy at the probability of more bloodshed, and recognizing the possibility of emerging a power in his own right, Luchese went straight to Genovese and told him of the plot. Instead of attending the meeting, Genovese sent four gunmen who effectively removed Maranzano. And Three-Finger Brown became leader of one of the five local Cosa Nostra families, an underworld empire he still commands.

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**TODAY, LUCHESE IS CONSIDERED ONE OF THE** most powerful men in the garment industry, with hidden interests in dozens of firms. Valachi has told about the time a "local 25" tried to organize a lingerie factory he owned in The Bronx. "I just called Johnny Dio and the organizers stopped coming around," Valachi testified. "That was the thing to do. You had union troubles, the Dio brothers fixed it up." Dio, who lives a dozen blocks from Luchese, is a member of Luchese's Cosa Nostra family—which explains why Three Finger's dress shops are among the few unorganized factories in the East.

Luchese has a different explanation for the absence of union representation.

"I got 1,500 people working for me," he told Nassau DA Cahn. "I give them all the fringe benefits, plus turkeys twice a year. If a girl has a baby, I give her a carriage or \$50. If it's twins, the parents get a car. Triplets, I build them a house. But nobody's had twins or triplets yet."

**TOMORROW: Carlo Gambino—most powerful crime boss in the nation?**

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC New York (92-277-Sub F)

DATE: 12/7/82

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: "Red" Salvo County

Re: [redacted] NYO Intelligence Unit, memo  
available 8/10/82 [redacted]

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MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, NEW YORK

FROM : SA JAMES T. MOLLOY #221

SUBJECT: *Thomas Lucchese (92-665)*  
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Attached hereto find (1) photos and negative of the residence of captioned subject. These photos were made and obtained from Ptl. [redacted] (protect), Nassau County Police Department, by SA [redacted] 10/8/63.

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## The Lyons Den

By [illegible]

It is a long time since there was a night  
when the half-forgotten places in memory of a fading past  
were.

I sat with  
those years when we were as young as we  
of other good things too. "The record has  
good," he said. "The street was  
brightest, brightest as good, but there  
wasn't." Why not? Goodman had the air

"There are no more big boys here  
now," he said. "None the more successful  
the old business. And then killed the big boys  
Goodman's first opportunity came at the  
end in the mid-30s. He was (rehabilitation)  
big house having stolen the country  
business was quite vital at that time  
the sponsor, when Howard the  
heard his name at the Billy B.

"I have McCann seen in the joint,"  
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there was no more. He left. He signed a  
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named the day I was with Goodman by Joe W.  
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was called Tommy  
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ever included appear:  
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the piano. Wilson only plays at  
the Strangers Theater on 5th  
St. I met Billy Rose there the  
same night I was with Goodman.

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newspaper, city and state)

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There are several versions of the aftermath. One had it that Rose collected by phoning a more important mob leader in New York City. I prefer to believe the version that had him pick up a phone, in his employer's presence, and say "Get me J. Edgar Hoover in Washington."

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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2924)

FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (92-61) (P)

SUBJECT: STEVE MAGADDINO, aka  
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DATE: 11/15/63

Re Miami airtel to Bureau, dated 9/26/63, captioned  
"VINCENT A. SCRO, AR."

On 9/10/63, [redacted] advised that [redacted]

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MEMORANDUM

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2924)  
FROM : SAC, BUFFALO (92-61)(P)  
SUBJECT: STEVE MAGADDINO, aka  
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DATE: 11/18/63

Re Miami let to Bureau, 9/10/63.

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TITLE OF CASE <b>THOMAS LUCHESE aka</b>		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY [REDACTED]
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>AR</b>	

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b7CREFERENCES:

Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 8/20/63,  
at New York.  
New York letter to Bureau, 8/23/63.

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b7CENCLOSURES: TO BUREAU (2)

Original and one copy of a letterhead memorandum characterizing informants used in instant report.

ADMINISTRATIVE

On 9/17/63, SA [REDACTED] conferred with [REDACTED] Departmental Attorney, Organized Crime and Racketeering Section. [REDACTED] advised that he had recently been assigned in Washington D.C. to coordinate the LUCHESE "family". He indicated that he had been reviewing the LUCHESE file and commented on the thoroughness of the investigation that had been conducted on LUCHESE.

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He indicated further that he intended to visit the New York Office of the Internal Revenue Service to review the investigation being conducted concerning the subject and his brother, JOSEPH LUCHESE. [redacted] was furnished the general background information concerning LUCHESE and various members of his "family", and was told that this office was pursuing this matter in all phases in an effort to determine if any violations of Federal law exist..

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On 8/29/63. NY T-7 [redacted]

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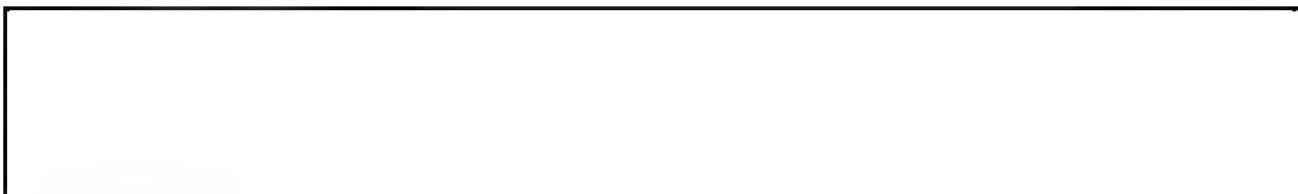
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Information was received that the subject might attend a meeting on 8/17/63, with other top-ranked hoodlums. Accordingly, the subject's residence was observed during that date, but the subject was not observed. Two vehicles bearing New York licenses were observed parked in the driveway of the subject's residence, and the identity of the registrations has been set out in the details of this report.

As pointed out in referenced letter, investigation of the LUCHESE "family" at present is being concentrated on STEPHEN LA SALLA, the "underboss" of the subject's "family", as well as JOSEPH LUCHESE, the subject's brother. As a result of this emphasis, it appears that LA SALLA is recovering from his blindness, and is once again able to leave his apartment.

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INFORMANTS

NY T-1	[redacted] contacted 10/2/63, by SA [redacted]
NY T-2	[redacted] contacted 9/22/63.
NY T-3	[redacted] contacted 7/29/63, by SA [redacted]
NY T-4	[redacted] contacted 9/12/63, by SA [redacted]
NY T-5	[redacted] contacted on 10/29/63, by SAS [redacted] [redacted]
NY T-6	[redacted] contacted on 9/3/63, by SA [redacted]
NY T-7	[redacted] contacted 8/29/63, by SA [redacted] [redacted]
NY T-8	[redacted] contacted 8/8/63, by SA [redacted]

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At New York, New York:

Will continue to follow and report activities of  
subject.

Will attempt to further identify and obtain information  
re the LUCHESE "family" and their activities.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, SDNY

Report of: [REDACTED]

Office: NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Date: 12/5/63

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Field Office File No.: 92-665

Bureau File No.: 92-2878

Title: THOMAS LUCHESE

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

Subject continues daily routine of leaving home at 74 Royat Street, Lido Beach, Long Island, NY, in morning, appearing at dress firms in NYC during the day, and returning to his home in the early evening. Subject's "underboss", STEPHEN LA SALIA, observed in vicinity of residence and appears to have recovered from blindness. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Informant stated that [REDACTED]

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Subject appeared Nassau County District Attorney's office voluntarily and claimed to be legitimate garment manufacturer with annual salary from dress firms in excess of \$100,000.

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DETAILS:

PERSONAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

Spot checks conducted throughout the period of this report reflected that the subject continues to reside at 74 Royat Street, Lido Beach, Long Island, New York, and also has continued his general daily routine of leaving Lido Beach around 8:00 o'clock in the morning, visiting his various dress firms and factories, and returning to his home in the early evening hours. On Wednesdays the subject spends most of the day with the pay rolls for his various firms, and is generally accompanied by an individual whose last name is [REDACTED] who acts as a guard when the subject is transporting the pay rolls.

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LEGITIMATE ENTERPRISES

NY T-1 advised that [REDACTED]

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On August 19, 1963, the subject voluntarily appeared at the office of Nassau County District Attorney WILLIAM CAHN, and advised that he owns the following dress firms:

Lori Sportswear  
821 East 160th Street  
Bronx, New York.

Tubro Company  
821 East 160th Street  
Bronx, New York

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Navarro Dress Company  
3867 Third Avenue  
Bronx, New York

Bee Wood Company  
3867 Third Avenue  
Bronx, New York

Sherwood Fashions  
501 Seventh Avenue  
New York, New York

The subject advised CAHN that as partners in Sherwood Fashions he had [REDACTED] resident, JOHN ST. GEORGE, who lives near Massapequa, Long Island, New York, and AL ROSENGARTEN. He advised further that he had been in business with ANDIMO PAPPADIO for about eighteen or twenty years before, making blouses. He advised that he has no business interests in Nassau County outside of sub-contracting some work to the Nanette Dress Company, Bellmore, Long Island, New York.

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The subject further advised District Attorney CAHN that his dress firms are not unionized, that he had factories outside of Scranton, Pennsylvania, before starting in business in New York, and, after a series of work stoppages, sold out and came to New York. He advised that the union has tried to unionize his places, but his workers do not want it.

Prior to entering the dress business, the subject stated that he was in the hoisting business, and said that his current reputation as a racketeer is commonly known because of the work of politicians who are working against him. He advised that it started when he backed VINCENT IMPELLETERI for Mayor of New York City. He advised also that he knew ABE CHAIT from the dress industry, and once used his trucks, but does not use them any more.

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#### CRIMINAL RECORD

Copies of the subject's Identification Record, under Federal Bureau of Investigation Number 168275, were furnished by the Identification Division on September 30, 1963, to the President's Advisory Committee, on October 4, 1963, to the Senate Committee on Government Operations, and on October 24, 1963, to the Miami Beach, Florida, Police Department, as identical with the subject of their individual inquiries.

#### CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES AND ASSOCIATES

On October 19, 1963, as previously indicated, the subject voluntarily appeared at the office of Nassau County District Attorney WILLIAM CAHN. In answer to questions, the subject advised that he did not know EUGENE GIANNINI or ANTHONY STROLLO. He stated further that he did not remember the death of NINO NINA, and denied knowing anything of VITO GENOVESE's business involvements. He stated that he had never had any business deals with GENOVESE, and first met him at the Investigating Committee. He denied knowing the SQUILLANTES, LARRY BRESCIA, the GALLO brothers, SONNY FRANZESE, JOSEPH BARBARA, MICHAEL CLEMENTE or DOMINICK CIAFFONE. LUCHESE admitted knowing LUCKY LUCIANO, but denied any connection with him or BENNY LEVINE. He advised that he met JOE PROFACI, but had nothing to do with him. He admitted knowing FRANK COSTELLO, as they both come from the same neighborhood. He admitted knowing THOMAS DIOGUARDI from the garment business, and further admitted that he met "TRIGGER MIKE" COPPOLA while both were in custody. As indicated previously in this report, LUCHESE stated that he knew ABE CHAIT from the garment industry, but has no contact with him now. He advised that he last saw MIKE MIRANDA at the MC CLELLAN Committee Hearing; and denied ever speaking to JOHN ORMENTO about the Apalachin meeting. LUCHESE further denied ever going to Gurney's Inn at Montauk, Long Island, and stated that in the winter he goes to Florida for three or four weeks and stays at the Bal Moral.

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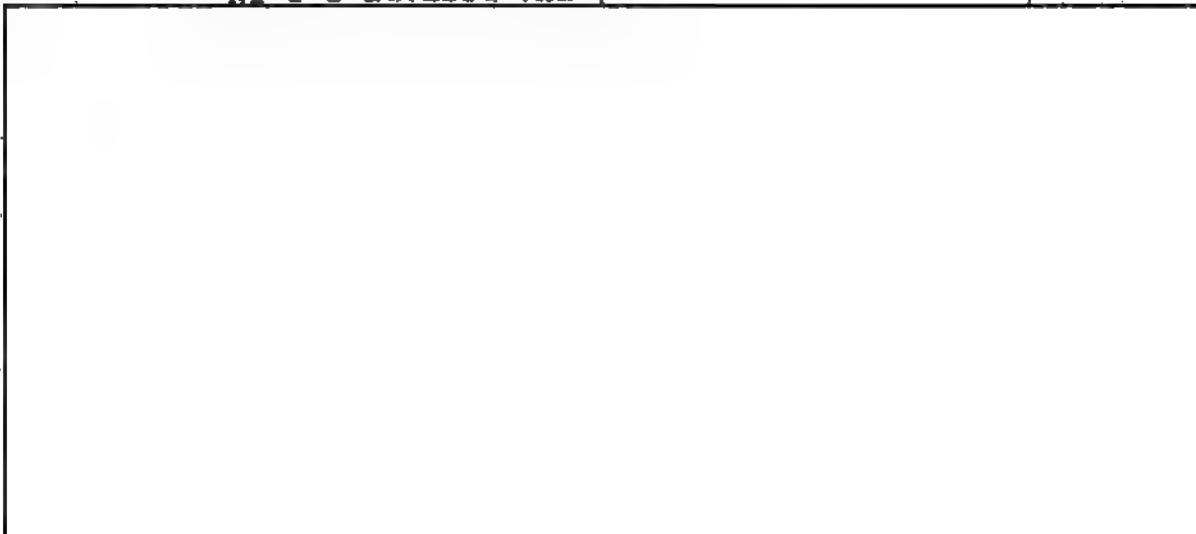
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It is noted that past investigation in this case has indicated that various individuals known to have been in contact with the subject have leased automobiles from the Gotham Auto Lease Company.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

New York, New York  
December 5, 1963

Title                    Thomas Luchese

Character                : Anti-Racketeering

Reference                is made to the report of Special  
Agent Norman A. Murray, Jr., dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities  
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable  
information in the past.

New York, New York  
December 5, 1963

Re: Thomas Luchese  
Anti-Racketeering

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent  
[redacted] dated and captioned as above.

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Set out below are characterizations of informants  
utilized in referenced report:

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*J. Edgar Hoover*  
Director.

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Police Department New York, New York	Thomas Lucase #B-68834	July 18, 1928	homicide (gun)	discharged April 21, 1929
Police Department New York, New York	Thomas Luckese #B-68834	September 6, 1930	homicide	dismissed February 28, 1931
Police Department Cleveland, Ohio	Thomas Luckese	July 4, 1931	investigation	July 4, 1931 released
Police Department New York, New York	Thomas Arra #B-68834	inquiry October 12, 1932		
United States Immigration and Naturalization Service - Alien Registration	Gaetano Lucchese #5073829	finger- printed December 18, 1940		

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
*	New York City as Thomas Lucchese	October 2, 1921	grand larceny (automobile); sentenced March 27, 1922 Suffolk County - received March 28, 1922 3 years 8 months to 10 years on charge of grand larceny first degree - paroled December 13, 1924 - delinquent September 30, 1927.	
*	August 30, 1927 as Thomas Arra New York City		criminally receiving stolen goods; August 31, 1927 discharged	

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	<p>DESCRIPTION:</p> <p>Race: Caucasian</p> <p>Sex: male</p> <p>Height: 5 feet, 5 inches</p> <p>Weight: 145 pounds</p> <p>Hair: brown</p> <p>Eyes: brown</p> <p>Complexion: fair</p> <p>Build: medium</p> <p>Scars and marks: number 2 finger amputated</p> <p>Date and Place of Birth: December 1, 1899 Palermo; Palermo, Italy</p> <p>Residences: 316 East 118 Street in 1928 (as on print #B68034)</p> <p>549 East 181 Street in 1932 (as on print #B68034)</p> <p>1093 Briar Way, Palisade, Bergen, New Jersey in 1940</p> <p>New York City in 1931 (as on print from Police Department Cleveland Ohio)</p> <p>213 East 106 Street in 1930 (as on print #B68034)</p> <p>Occupations: plumber</p> <p>Importer</p> <p>Relative: Concetta Lucchese - wife</p> <p>1093 Briar Way</p> <p>Palisade, New Jersey</p> <p>Associates: <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 150px; height: 20px; vertical-align: middle;"></span></p> <p>Aliases: Tommie Brown; Four Finger Tommie Brown; Three Fingered Tommie Brown; Thomas Baldassar Lucchese</p>			

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	<p>WANTED BY BUREAU: Thomas Lucase (charge not known) Notify Bureau Field Division, New York, New York and Fugitive Supervisor's Office, Division Six, Bureau, per information received by telephone from the latter November 20, 1952.</p> <p>NO LONGER WANTED: per Bureau Memo dated December 1, 1952.</p> <p>WANTED BY BUREAU: Thomas Luckese, was, Thomas Luchese, Three Finger Brown, Gaetano Lucchese, Thomas Luckese, Tommy Brown, Thomas Arra, Fugitive Index #34047, Bureau File #62-(not given), Office of Origin New York, New York, per information received November 21, 1952.</p> <p>NO LONGER WANTED: per Bureau Memo dated December 1, 1952.</p> <p>FLASH BY BUREAU: Thomas Luchese, was, Thomas Luckese, Three Finger Brown. Any information or inquiry received notify Bureau Field Division New York, their file #92-665, per information received therefrom December 10, 1957.</p>			
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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Federal Bureau of Investigation New York, New York	Two copies of record and 1 copy fingerprints were furnished Legal Attache, Rome, Italy as may be identical with subject of their inquiry dated October 28, 1963.			
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M E M O R A N D U M

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2924)

FROM : SAC, BUFFALO (92-61) (P)

SUBJECT: STEVE MAGADDINO, aka  
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Date: 12/9/63

Re Miami letters to Director 10/9 and 18, 1963.

On 9/17/63, [redacted] furnished a [redacted]

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    (1 - 92-2300) (LA COSA NOSTRA)  
    (1 - 92-ANTHONY STROLLO)  
    (1 - 92-MIKE COPPOLA)  
    (1 - 92-VITO GENOVESE)  
    (1 - [redacted])  
    (1 - 92-JOHN DIOGUARDIO)  
    (1 - 92-ALBERT ANASTASIA)  
    (1 - 92-FRANK COSTELLO)  
    (1 - 92-THOMAS LUCHESE)  
9 - Buffalo  
    (1 - 92-174) (FRED RANDACCIO)  
    (1 - 92-277) (SAM RANGATORE)  
    (1 - 92-54) (ROY CARLIST)  
    (1 - 92-337) (LA COSA NOSTRA)  
    (1 - 92-372) (JOSEPH VALACHI)  
    (1 - 92-288) (PETER A. MAGADDINO)  
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Date: 12/13/63

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To: SAC, New York (92-665)

✓ From: Director, FBI (92-2878)

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ReBuairtel 8/15/63 and enclosed Department memorandum 8/12/63 which set forth Department's views as to the evidence necessary to proceed against Luchese in a denaturalization suit.

Particular reference is made to the next to the last paragraph of the Department memorandum. You should prepare a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination setting forth all of the available evidence which could be used to proceed against Luchese. This memorandum should specifically include the [redacted] in this matter. The letterhead memorandum should reach the Bureau no later than 12/20/63.

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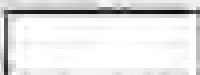
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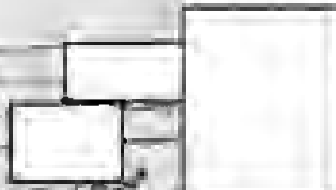
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# The DA and the Dressmaker Or—Three-Finger Drops By

I know nothing about any Cosa Nostra. In fact the only thing I belong to is the Knights of Columbus.  
—Legitimate Businessman

By Paul Leventhal

Mineola—"Mr. Cahn, there is a Mr. Luchese to see you. He says he does not need an appointment."

The soft voice yesterday over the intercom into Nassau District Attorney Cahn's office sounded a bit unsteady. It is not the common man who expects to see the District Attorney without making sure the District Attorney wants to see him.

"You don't mean Three-Finger Brown Luchese?" was Cahn's stunned reply.

"I'm afraid so, sir."

And into the red-carpeted office walked Thomas (Three-Finger Brown) Luchese, 64, a short, solidly built executive type with thinning, slicked-back black hair, tastefully attired in tan suit, striped tie

and a straw hat that he carried humbly at his waist. But the outward humble dignity did not conceal from Cahn the real credentials of his guest: former lieutenant of Charles (Lucky) Luciano, named as one of 12 commissioners of the so-called Cosa Nostra national crime syndicate, reported successor to Frank Costello and Joseph Profaci as Brooklyn rackets kingpin. He lost his right-hand trigger finger in an accident several years ago.

"What can I do for you?" Cahn asked. Luchese took a seat. So did a man, known to Cahn only as Mr. Burke, who identified himself as Luchese's attorney. Luchese, who lives in Lido Beach, described his visit as a "neighborly chat." Cahn lives in nearby Long Beach.

"I have read many unkind things about me in the press recently," Luchese said, "and I have come here to set the record straight. I thought you would like to

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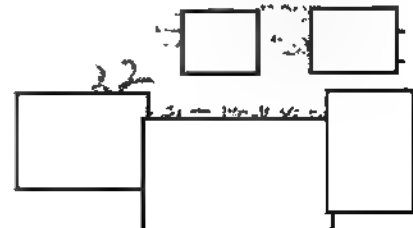
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talk to me about the stories Valachi has been telling." He was referring to mobster Joseph Valachi who has been singing to the feds about the inner workings of organized crime and who named Luchese as one of the leaders of the Cosa Nostra.

"There is no truth to that whatsoever," Luchese explained. "I know nothing about any Cosa Nostra. In fact the only thing I belong to is the Knights of Columbus."

"What do you do for a living?" Cahn asked.

"I am a legitimate businessman and all my income is strictly from the dress business," Luchese told Cahn that he

earns \$100,000 a year from a chain of dress manufacturing companies in the Bronx and Manhattan that grosses \$10,000,000 annually. "I am so good to my employees that they don't even want to join a union. I give them free turkeys twice a year, I hold raffles for \$10 worth of groceries. When a worker has one baby, I give him a baby carriage. When he has twins, I give him a car. When he has triplets, I give him a house." He said he has not yet had to give away a car or a house.

How about the underworld summit conference that Luchese was reported to have attended recently at a Howard Johnson's restaurant in Queens? Luchese, who lives in a \$160,000 home and is fre-

quently in New York's fanciest night spots, appeared deflated at the query. His only reply: "Me—at Howard Johnson's?"

Cahn looked over Luchese's record and found only one conviction, which was for car theft, and several arrests, including two for homicide. "Whom were you accused of murdering?" Cahn asked. "I don't remember," was the reply. "How about the report you've taken over the Brooklyn rackets?" Cahn asked. Luchese's reply: "If you ever put me into Brooklyn, I'd get so lost you'd have to send someone to lead me the way home."

Luchese revealed that he keeps a daily diary of every move he makes. "That's the only way I can protect myself against

all these stories," he said. "The book shows I work every day from seven in the morning to nine at night and then I go home and go to sleep."

And then Cahn shook hands with his guest and thanked him for the vital information. At a hastily called news conference immediately after Luchese's late-afternoon visit, Cahn revealed that the prominent underworld figure has been under regular surveillance for the past several years, but was not being investigated at present. After relating his conversation with Luchese, Cahn recalled the parting words: "If I ever do anything wrong, Mr. Cahn, you can come and get me." Cahn's reply: "I can assure you, Mr. Luchese, I will."



Thomas Lucchese, Who Came to Call



District Attorney Cahill

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, New York (92-665)

FROM : Director, FBI (92-2878)

SUBJECT: THOMAS LUCHESE  
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DATE: December 31, 1963

Bureau airtel of 12-13-63 instructed that your office prepare a letterhead memorandum concerning available evidence as to criminal activities on the part of Luchese during the period immediately preceding his naturalization in 1943. A review has been made of letterhead memorandum dated 12-18-63 submitted by your office relative to the denaturalization case against subject and it is desired that this letterhead memorandum be resubmitted prior to dissemination to the Department. This revised letterhead memorandum should reach the Bureau no later than January 6, 1964. The new letterhead memorandum should include pertinent information available in your files concerning subject's activities during the period in question and should contain information furnished by [redacted]

The Bureau feels it most important that your office take every possible step to penetrate the activities of Luchese and his La Cosa Nostra "family." To this end, this case should be thoroughly reviewed in order to insure it receives the penetrative, imaginative and continuous investigative attention.

It is noted, information has been received from highly confidential sources in other offices regarding [redacted]

This phase of investigation should be [redacted]

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Letter to New York  
Re: Thomas Luchese

carefully analyzed for the purpose of establishing sources which will be  
in a position to furnish similar information as to [REDACTED]

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In view of the importance of this case, you should submit a  
weekly airtel briefly outlining the investigative activity conducted and  
results thereof, together with additional action planned. It is also desired  
that investigative reports be submitted each 30 days.

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*Admin.*

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2878)  
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (92-665)  
SUBJECT : THOMAS LUCHESE aka  
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ReBulet 12/31/63.

During week of 1/6/64, a highly confidential  
source was established [redacted]  
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Attempts are continuing to establish a source  
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Spot check on LUCHESE reveals he is occupied at  
dress factories, Bronx, NY.

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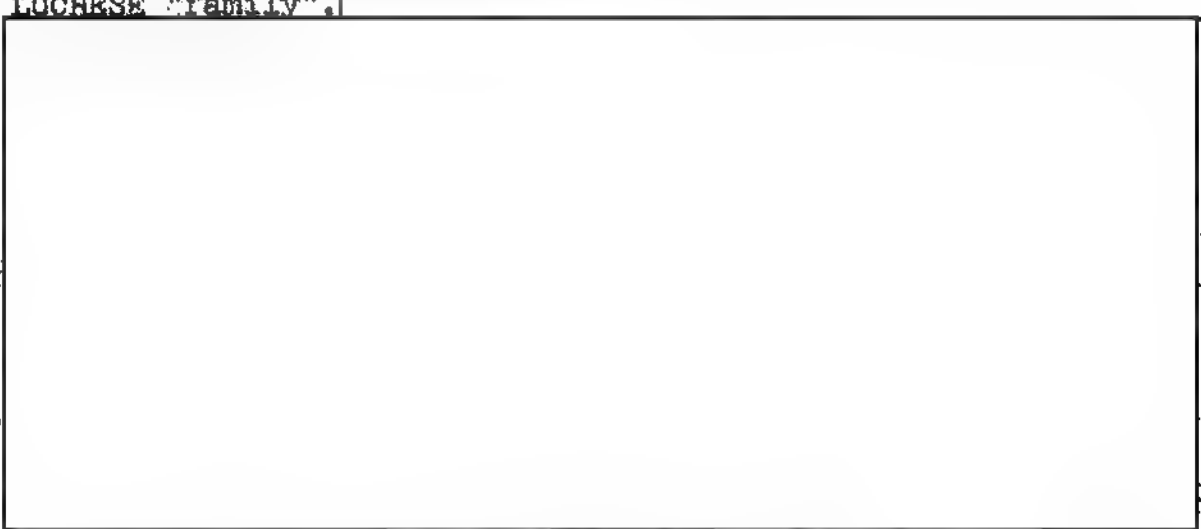
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2878)  
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (92-665)  
SUBJECT: THOMAS LUCHESE aka  
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Through discussions with the USA's office,  
SDNY, concerning the penetration of the activities of the  
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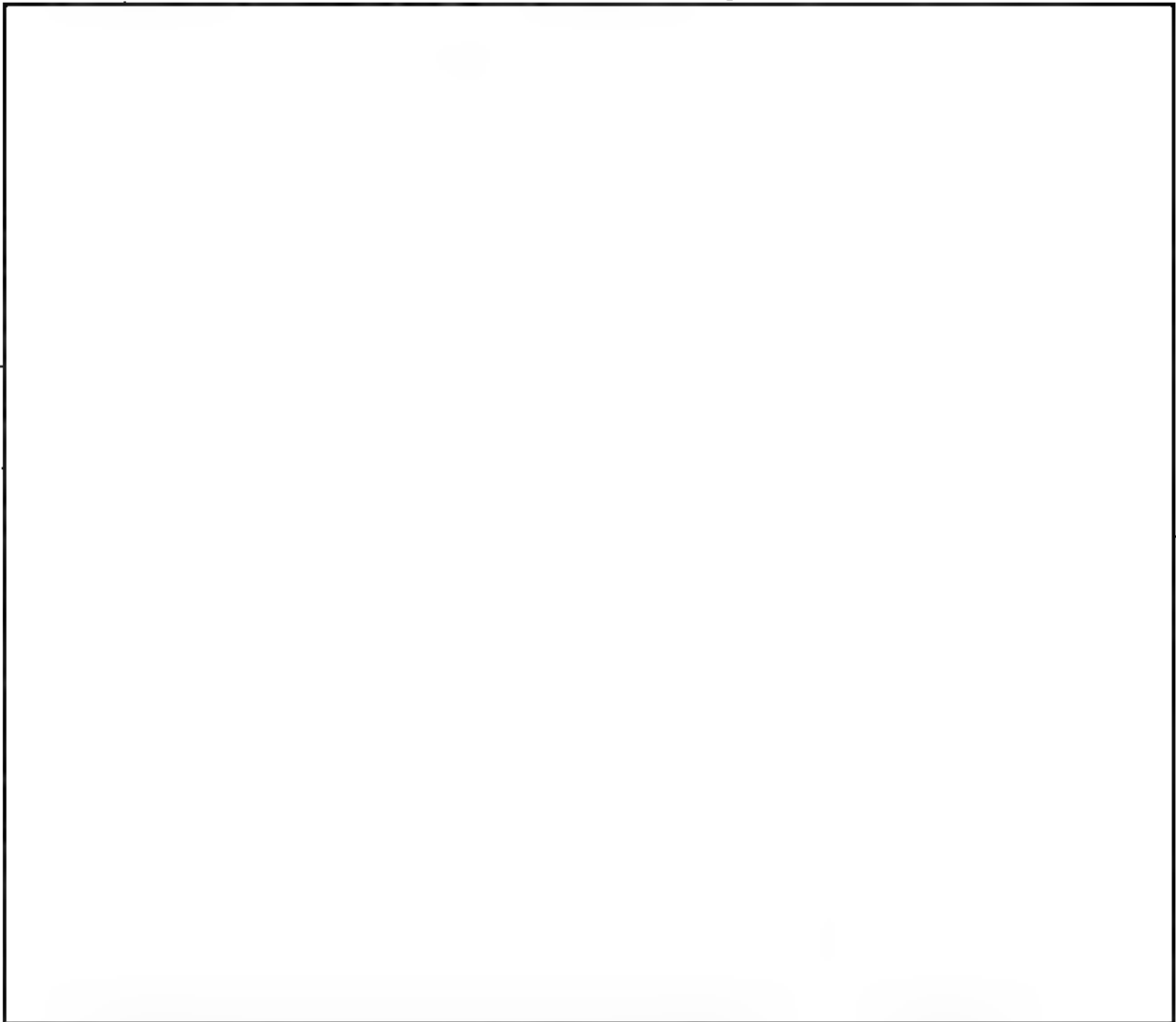
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It is contemplated that the above plans are to be placed into effect in the near future.

New York, New York  
January 16, 1964

Re: Thomas Luchese  
Anti-Racketeering

The files of the New York Office fail to reflect specific information concerning the criminal activities of Thomas Luchese during the period November 21, 1940, through January 25, 1943. The files also fail to reflect the identity of any witnesses <sup>including</sup> in a position to testify concerning the criminal activities of Luchese during the period in question.

The files of the New York Office reflect that information supplied by

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DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2878)

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SAC, NEW YORK (92-665)

THOMAS LUCHESE aka  
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ReBulet to NY, 12/31/63.

Enclosed is the original and five copies of  
requested letterhead memorandum.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (92-665)

DATE: 1/21/64

FROM :

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SUBJECT:

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[REDACTED] (conceal identity), [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] advised the writer on 1/20/64, that [REDACTED]

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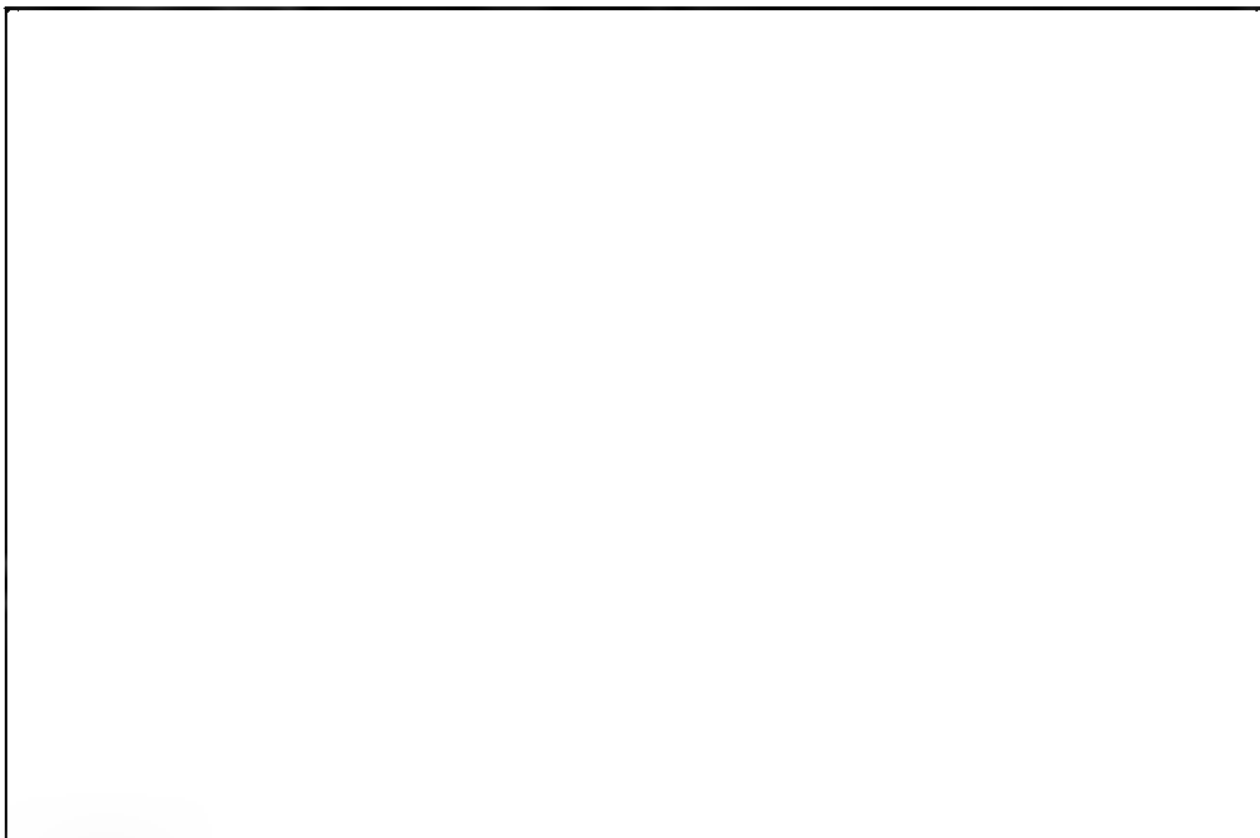
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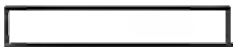
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At New York, New York

1. Will continue to report and follow the activities of the subject and members of his "family".

2. Will maintain close liaison with the Bureau and advise them of the results of the service of the subpoenas

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Copy to: 1 - USA, SDNY

Report of: [REDACTED]

Office: NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Date: 1/29/64

Field Office File No.: 92-665

Bureau File No.: 92-2878

Title: THOMAS LUCHESE

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

Subject continues routine of leaving home at 74 Royat Street, Lido Beach, NY, in the morning, appearing at dress firms in NYC during the day, and returning to his home in the early evening. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Informant information regarding subject and members of his group set out.

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DETAILS:

Spot checks conducted throughout the period of this report reflect that the subject continues to reside at 74 Royat Street, Lido Beach, New York, and also has continued his general daily routine of leaving Lido Beach at approximately 8:00 a.m. in the morning, visiting his various dress firms and factories, and returning to his home in the early evening hours. On pay roll days for his firms, the subject is generally accompanied by [REDACTED] who acts as a guard when the subject is transporting the pay rolls.

On January 27, 1964, at 10:30 a.m., the subject was observed entering his dress factory at 821 East 160th Street, Bronx, New York.

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NY T-1 advised that [REDACTED]

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Informant stated that it is his understanding that [REDACTED]

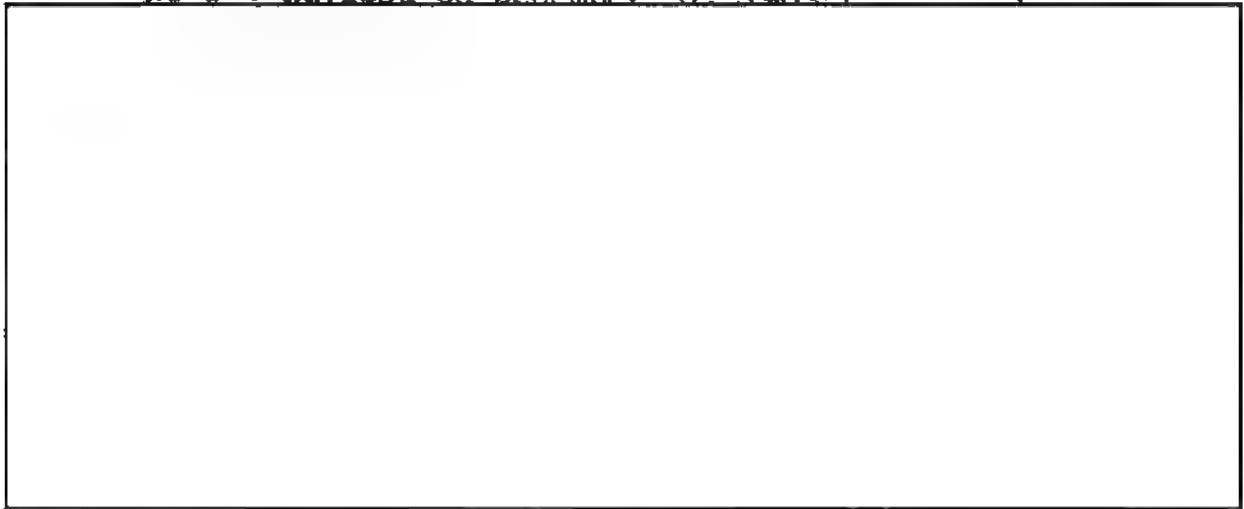
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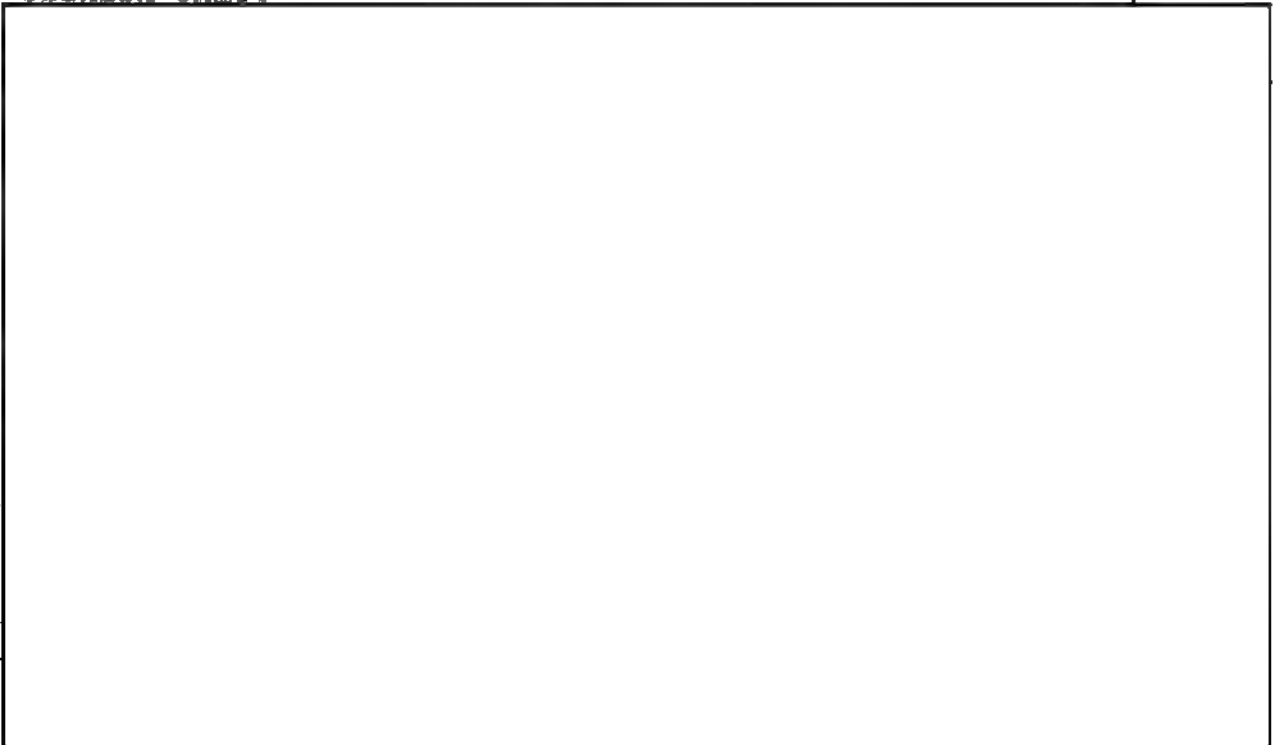
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NY T-4 advised on December 31, 1963, [redacted]



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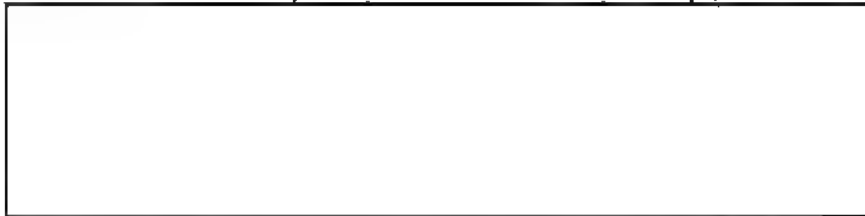
NY T-5 advised on January 7, 1964, that it is his opinion that [redacted]



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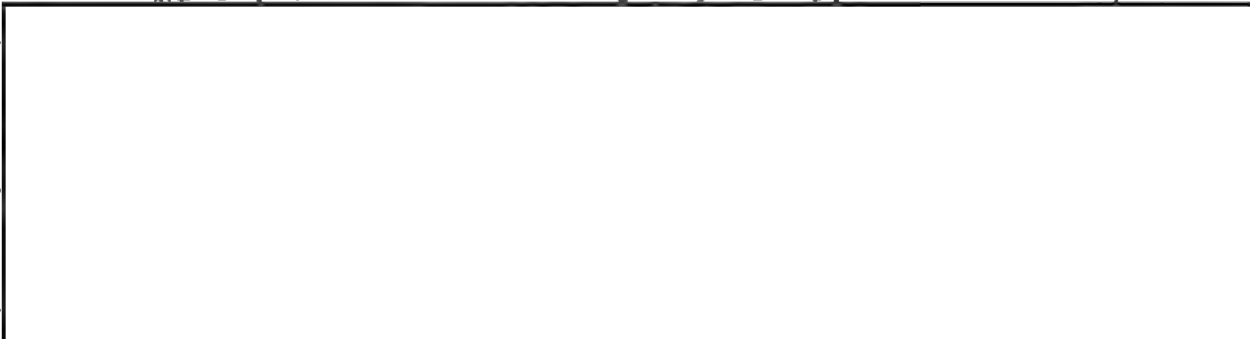
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NY T-6 advised on January 9, 1964,



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NY T-7 advised on January 24, 1964,



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Informant stated that

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

New York, New York

January 29, 1964

Title : Thomas Luchese

Character : Anti-Racketeering

Reference is made to the report of Special  
Agent  dated and captioned as above.

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All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced  
communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

NY T-5, of unknown reliability.

New York, New York  
January 29, 1964

Re: Thomas Luchese  
Anti-Racketeering

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent  
 dated and captioned as above.

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Set out below are characterizations of informants  
utilized in referenced report:

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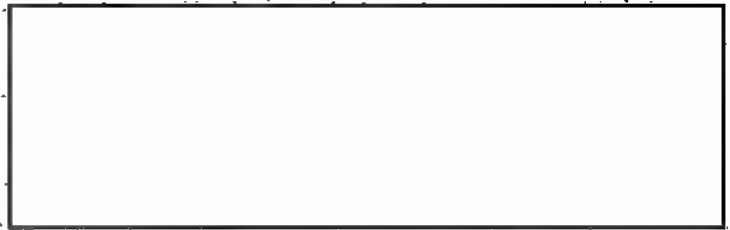
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SUBJECT: TOMMY LUCHESE  
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On 1/24/64, [REDACTED] (protect  
identity). [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED]

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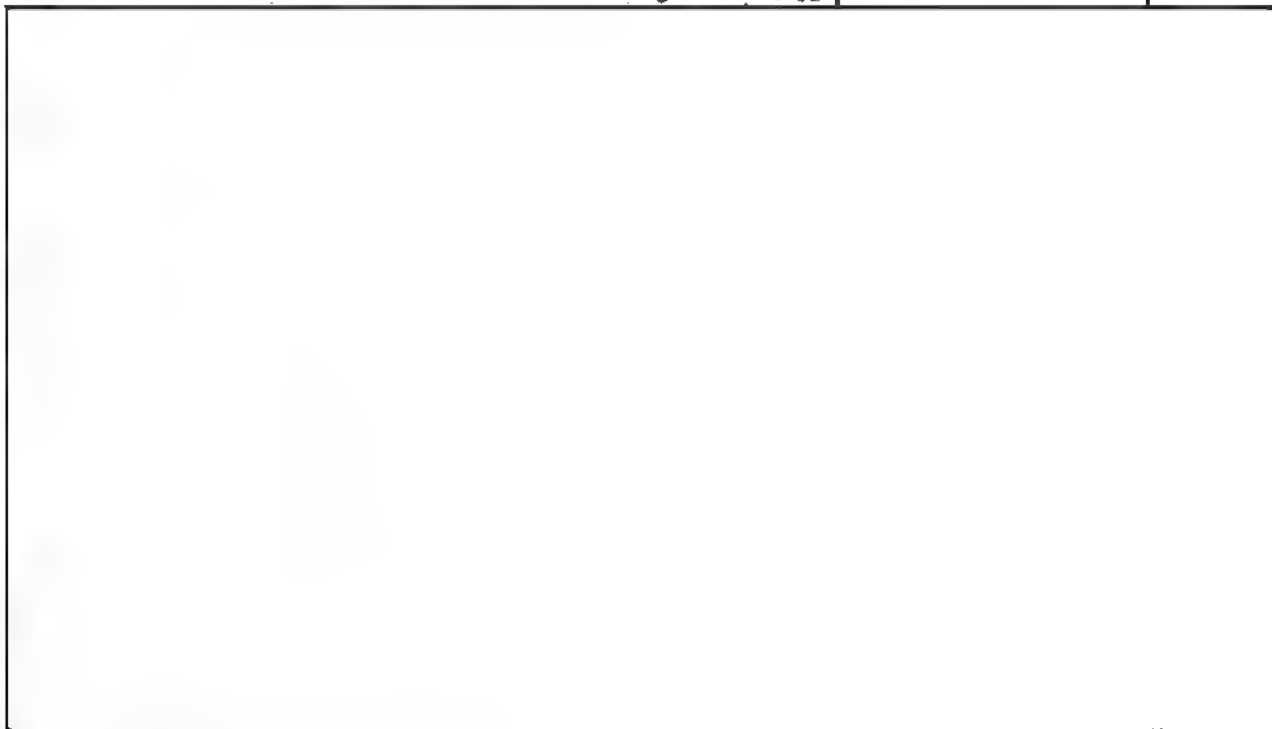
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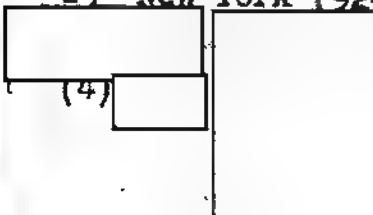
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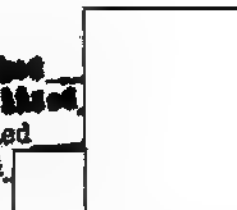
Service of subpoenas on [redacted] for Grand  
Jury testimony, SDNY, tentatively set for [redacted]



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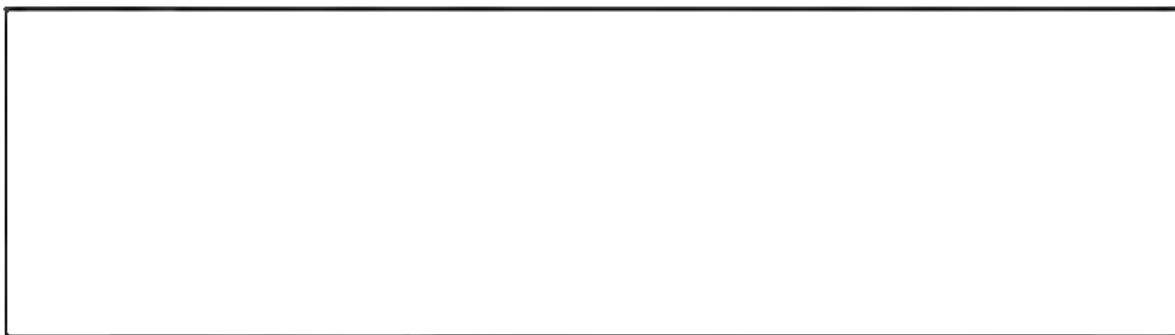
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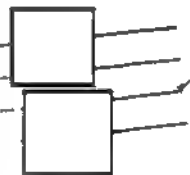
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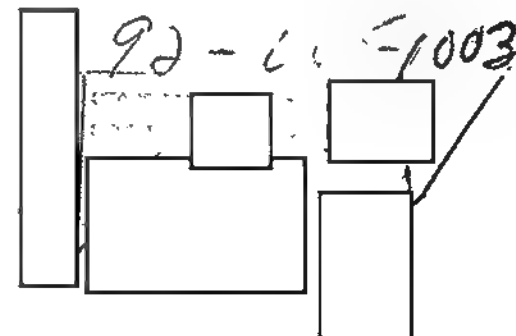
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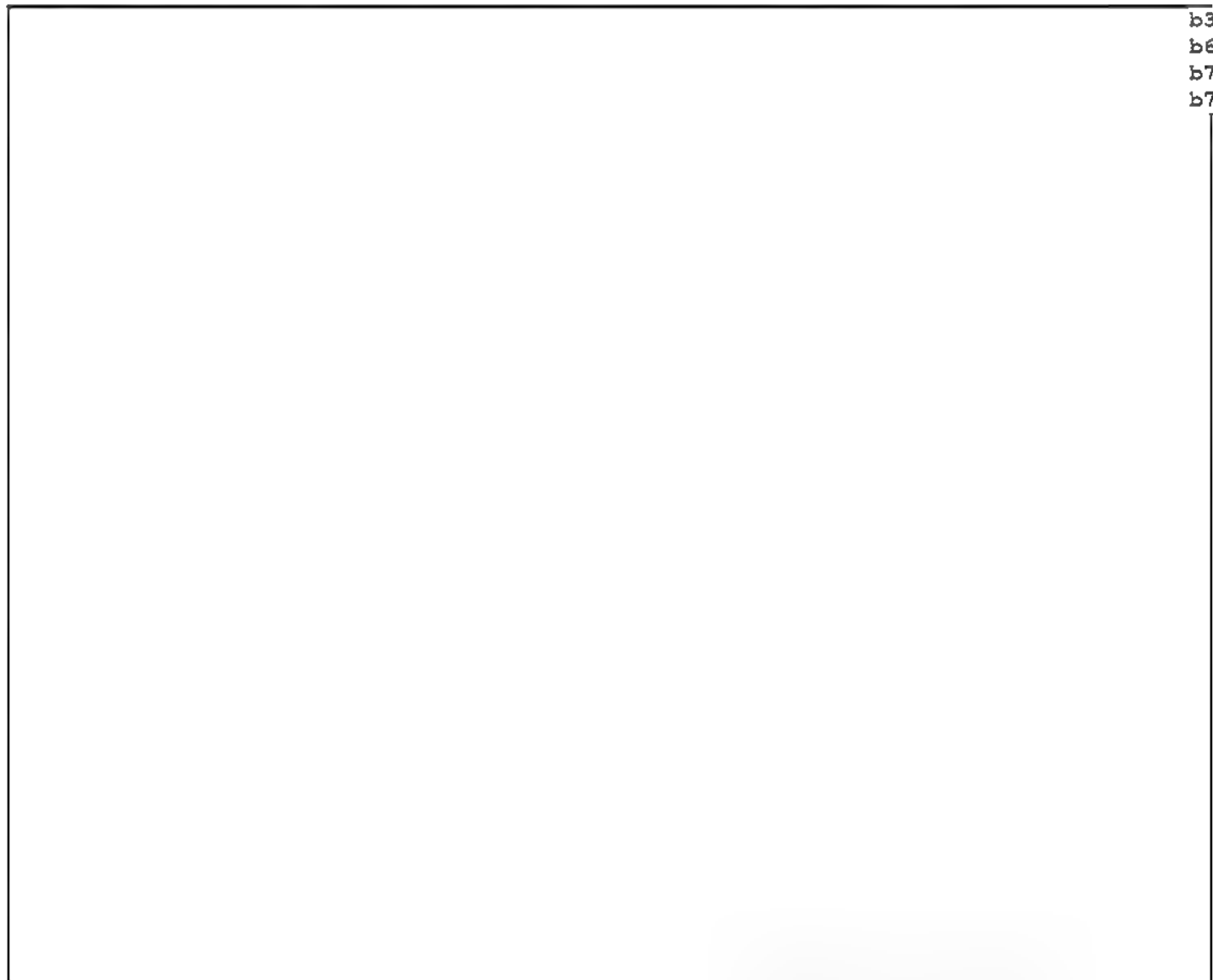
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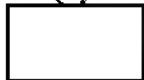
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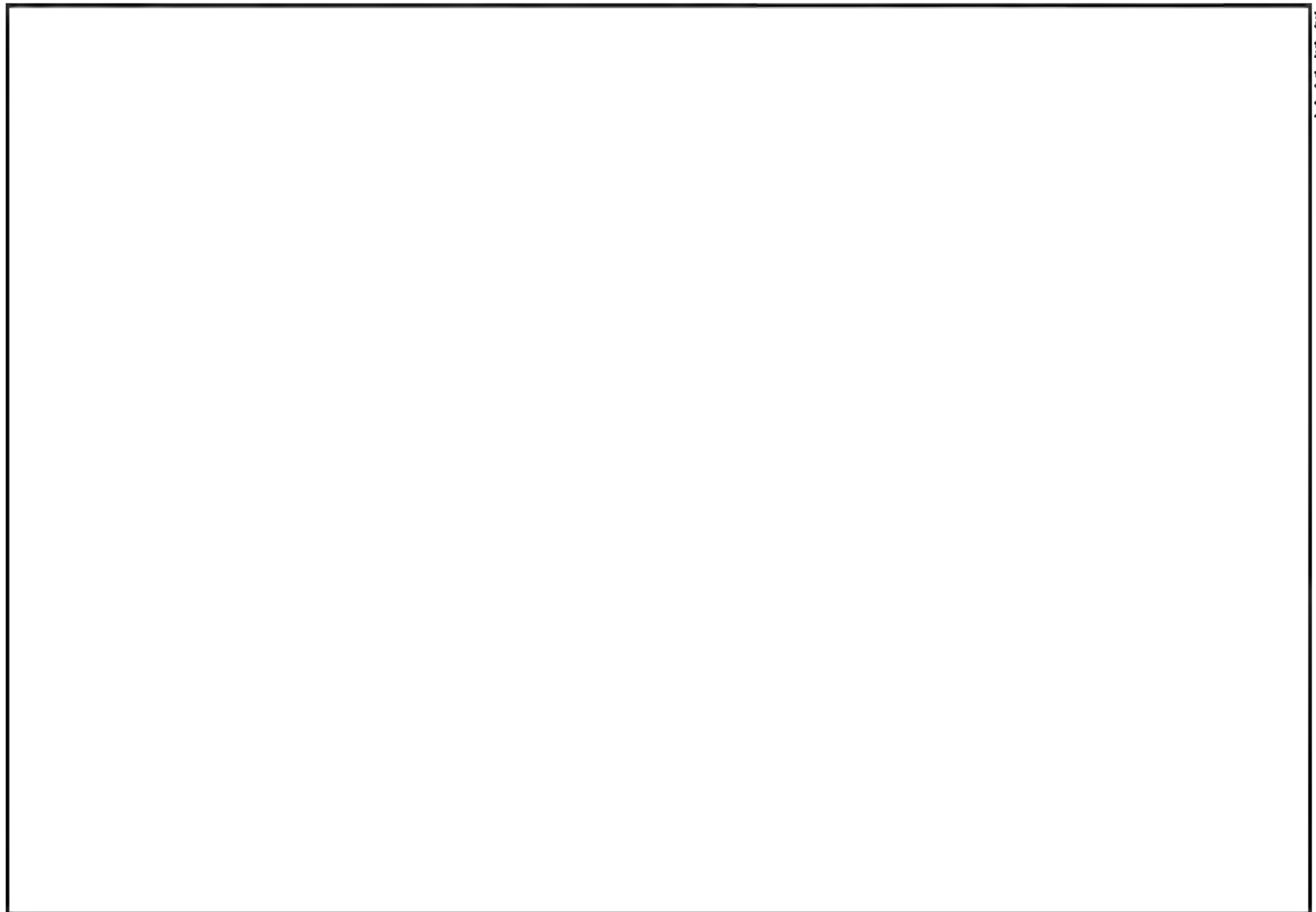
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SUBJECT: VINCENT John RAO aka  
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FROM NEWARK (92-379 sub 5)

ANGELO DE CARLO, AKA. AR.

[REDACTED] SERVED WITH SUBPOENA THREE P.M., FEBRUARY FOUR

LAST, [REDACTED] A

FEDERAL GRAND JURY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

CC: 2 - NEW YORK (REGISTERED MAIL)  
(1 - 92-766) (DE CARLO)  
(1 - 92- )  
1 - NEWARK (92-379A)

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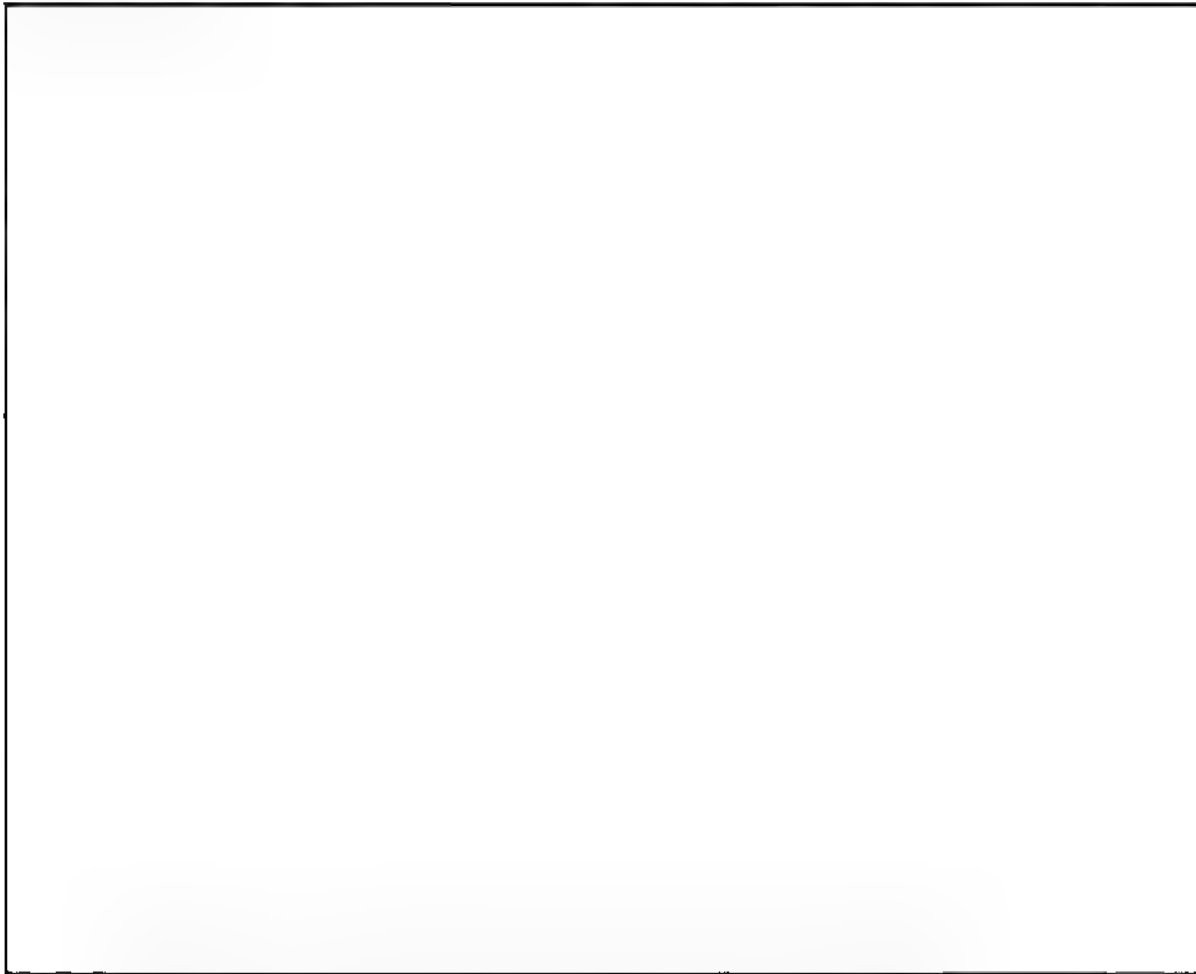
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2873)  
FROM: SAC, NEWARK (92-427)  
SUBJECT: THOMAS LUCHESE, aka.  
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The following investigation was conducted in order to determine whereabouts of NICHOLAS POLENTINO,

Check of records, MVB, Trenton, N.J., was negative on NICHOLAS POLENTINO. These records reflected N.J. license issued to [redacted] for a [redacted]

Records of Garden State Credit Bureau, Clifton, N.J., checked 2/5/64, were negative regarding [redacted] or NICHOLAS POLENTINO, [redacted]

[redacted] at [redacted] advised [redacted] resident at this address for the past [redacted] There are [redacted] are described as [redacted] Both are employed, place unknown, and formerly resided in [redacted] [redacted] Subject is unknown to [redacted]

Newark will interview [redacted] aka., as requested regarding whereabouts of POLENTINO.

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SUBJECT: THOMAS LUCHESE aka  
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2878)  
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (92-665)  
SUBJECT : THOMAS LUCHESE aka  
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In connection with information obtained from  
the Newark Division concerning [redacted]

[redacted]  
surveillance was instituted in the vicinity of [redacted]  
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Due to the discreet nature of the surveillance on [redacted] it was impossible to closely identify [redacted]. However, from a distance, it did not appear as though [redacted]. Investigation is continuing to further identify these individuals, along with other individuals observed at [redacted].

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The individuals identified [redacted]

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The Newark Office advised on 2/5/64, that it had been ascertained from a sensitive source in that division that [redacted]

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NY continuing investigation to identify all persons observed.